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FALL ISSUE

Dear Folks:

Today (October 13) the first snow came to the Berkshires. And Myrtle, the Turtle, was going around and telling everyone to put on their red flannels. She's such a thoughtful old gal.

This news-letter will contain some items most of you know, but we want to bring you all up to date.

To begin with, the Church has its new chimney, built by Arnold Hale at cost and no profit to him, which we all appreciate. Now we can breathe easier. In taking down the old, dangerous chimney, all that had to be done was to lift the bricks off -- the mortar had all crumbled. The series of monthly suppers were a great success and paid for the chimney with a goodly sum left over to go into the painting fund. The ouside of the Church needs painting very badly and so we are starting another series of suppers to be held irregularly, due to Winter, to raise funds for painting the exterior, starting next Spring. It does seem as though there is always something, but we are so blessed with such a beautiful little church that we must take care of it. What would Tyringham be without her Church?

Lord and Lady Slater have given the Church funds to erect a colonial bulletin board on the lawn in front of the Church in memory of Lady Salter's sister, Marchesa Louise de Rosales who died suddenly in her sleep last August while visiting a friend in Garmisch, Bavaria. And, Mrs. R. Hawley Truax and Mr. John S. Rudd have given the Church two colonial side fixtures in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Rudd. The kindness and thoughtfulness of these friends is greatly appreciated by our Church.

Mrs. Barbara Crane Monaghan, cousin of the Minister, living in Canada, showed beautiful slides and gave a talk on her visits to several missionary stations in Africa. The offering taken at this lecture was given to the Missionary Fund.

BIRTHS:
June 2, 1958 - Nena Frances Stracuzzi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stracuzzi.
June 7, 1958 - David Michael Rowley, son of Mr. & Mrs. Warren Rowley.
July 23, 1958- June Janice Stedman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Stedman.
Sept. 11, 1958- Deborah Lynn Loring, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loring.

BAPTISMS:

(June 15) - Peter Conrad Day, son of Norman and Ruth Kraeling Day.
Cynthia Lynn Soules, daughter of Norman and Patricia Curtin Soules.
Richard Earl Butler, son of Carl and Diane Birkett Butler.

Ed. Note: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon VanOrman brought their baby daughter, Brenda Sue, up fron with the other children in order that the pastor might offer thanks to God for sparing her life last October. Less than a week old and near death, the Pastor baptized her in the Pittsfield General Hospital.

JOINED THE CHURCH:

By Confession of Faith, John Neil Curtin and Helen Hathaway Curtin. By letter from the First Congregational Church of Great Barrington, Janice Storey Stedman.

DEATH:

Mrs. Eva Davis, a member of Union Church, and mother of our fellow-member, Donald Davis of Tyringham Galleries, died September 15 in the hospital in New Rochelle, N.Y. Her funeral was in Union Church with the minister officiating and burial was in Tyringham Cemetery.

Marchesa Louise de Rosales, sister of Lady Salter as mentioned, was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Bagg of Springfield, Mass. She latterly had lived in London to be near her sister and brother-in-law, Lord Salter. She was known to quite a number here in Tyringham where she had visited several summers. Marchesa de Rosales was very active in World War I in Italy, distributing supplies to the needy and in World War II all through the blitz, she worked for the Red Cross. She was visiting a friend in Garmisbh, Bavaria, when she died.

Due to the initiative of Mrs. John Curtin, a large number of Tyringham boys and girls were given swimming courses by the Red Cross at Laurel Lake in Lee. As a result, the following received certificates and pins as Beginners: Jon Krasceski, Thomas Fennelly, Peggy Reber, Ginny Miller, Amasa Miller, Donna Heath, Dennis Whalen and Rosa Loring. James Burdick, Arthur Dyer, Beverly Dyer and Judy Miller received Intermediate certificates and pins. The course was for six weeks.

Dr. Gulielma Fell Alsop of New York and Tyringham, was given an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters last June by the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, from which she graduated fifty years ago. Dr. Alsop wrote the history of the college for its centennial in 1950. Her sisters, Mary O'Hara Alsop and Elizabeth Alsop Shepard attended the commencement ceremony at which Dr. Alsop received her degree.

Mrs. Percy Stanton, now pretty well recovered from her fall and injuries, thanks all who were so kind and thoughtful to her during her disability.

A picture of our good Deacon, Arnold Hale, taken in 1912, appeared in the EAGLE last summer. Six very large potatoes that he had raised were beside him. The potatoes won him a trip to Amherst to stay at the Agricultural College. The item went on to say that he was the first boy to participate in a program that a year or so later became known as 4-H.

Charles E. Slater has purchased Langdon's General Store in Monterey, one of the oldest in the County. It was established in 1780 by a Captain John Langdon.

Community Center activities this summer consisted of some baseball, three classes in photography, a trip to Bennington by two of the photography classes accompanied by General Reber and "Cap." The Senior Fotogoats -- John Canon, Henning Carlson, Jon Kraszeski, and James Burdick -- also visited New York and saw the United Nations, the Empire State, building roof, and Radio Center.

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of General Miles Reber, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Darey, -Karen Winters, Mary Ann Burdick, Donna Heath and Susan Cabral saw the Army trounce Penn State at West Point. A boy's trip is planned for Saturday, Nov. 1, when the Army is scheduled to smear Colgate.

Peter Lee Curtin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham, was married to Deanna S. Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Williamson of Stockbridge, October 3 in the parsonage of the Stockbridge Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Curtin are presently residing in an apartment in the John Heath residence.

Charles F. Johnson, Chairman of Tyringham's School Committee, and Past President of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, was appointed by the National Education Association to an investigating committee to study a school problem in West Haven, Conn.

The Valley Club recently met at the home of Mrs. Larry Cernik and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mary Hale; Vice-President, Agnes Curtin; Secretary, Helen Curtin, and Treasurer, Ann Davis.

Tyringham's two graduates from Lee High School last June were Joan Hale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hale and Dudley VanOrman, son of Mrs. Hazel VanOrman. Joan is attending the Mary Fletcher School of X-Ray Technique in Burlington. Dud has enlisted in the Air Corps and is awaiting orders to report for duty.

We keep forgetting to tell all you Summer residents, in case you don't know it, that Tyringham is the only town of that name in all the world. That's something to boast about. There is a small hamlet of a couple of houses or so, similar to Coltsville, next to Pittsfield, but no Post Office and no designation as a town or village. (Ed. note: To confirm this, we did some research in atlases and other references. It's true.)

Anyone having any unwanted toys or small chairs for children can help greatly by bringing them to Mrs. Norman Day, as a nursery school is starting at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 21, to hold sessions from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Miss Beaulah Cannon recently received congratulations on all sides on her birthday on October 5. Much to her surprise,the news got around that she was having "Open House."

Kenny Winters is the sole Tyringham representative on Lee High School's football team this Fall, but is carrying on just fine for us. He plays tackle.

Since our last issue in June, Everett Fennelly has gone to Korea with the Army to try and straighten things out over there, and Jimmy DuVernois has taken off for Greenland, and Jimmy

Curtin and Tunk Loring for Germany to help Eddie Twing run things over there. The most recent one to go is Bill Fennelly and he, too, has gone to Germany. Seems as though with so many Tyringham boys around the world in strategic spots, Kruschev and Mao might as well give up and let the World have Peace.

Walter Howard is back from a tour of duty and Dick Birkett, after two years in the Orient, is back in this country. George Gilder is in the Marines at Parris Island, getting ready to do his bit along with the other Tyringham boys in straightening out this old world. Somebody's got to do it, that's for sure.

As of now, Tyringham has eleven boys in service. The others not mentioned above are Gerald Twing, Donny Birkett, and last, but not least, as he has been in the longest -- Sid Va[illegible]man. Quite a record for a small town.

THOUGHT IN CLOSING: "In the homes of America are born the children of America; and from them go out into American life, American men and women. They go out with the stamp of these homes upon them; and only as these homes are what they should be, will the children by what they should be."

So long, folks, and MABUHAY!

F.L.C.

LATE NEWS FLASH

As we go to "mimeo", word comes that a daughter weighing over nine pounds has been born to Mr. and Mrs. George deSousa. Our congratulations and best wishes.

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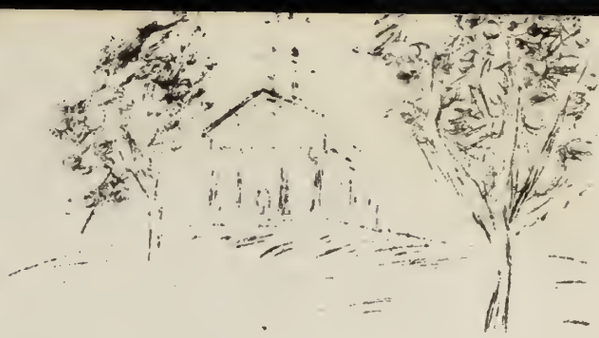

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INTRODUCING "TYRINGHAM TOPICS"

This is the first issue of a NEWS LETTER to be published "now and then" by the Union Church in Tyringham. Its object is to bring the Tyringham residents, year 'round and Summer, closer together particularly during the winter months when we are separated. And it will keep all of us informed of each other,if our Summer residents will send us news item about themselves. It is not strictly a church paper for its pages are open to all Tyringham organizations as well. It will go to all our boys in the Armed Forces and to Tyringham friends everywhere.

Along with the editor, there will be Mrs. Richard Birkett as Associate Editor and Mrs. Francis Darey as Art Editor. We hop e you will all like the idea and will send us in news items and any suggestions you may have.

We need help such as someone to aid in cutting stencils, running the mimeograph, mailing etc. If anyone is hungry, they can lick postage stamps! Well, here we go on our first copy:-

THE UNION CHURCH on October 2nd dedicated a beautiful new colonial Communion Table and Chairs, which match the pulpit and chairs, all the generous gift of Mrs. Ailene Hale Shearer and given "To the glory of God and in loving honor and memory of Mrs. George R. Warren, Mrs. Daniel Heath, William Cannon, Charles H. Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hale. Shortly we expect to receive and dedicate another generous gift,this one from Dr. G. F. Alsop ---- but more about this in detail in our next.

The renovation of the PARSONAGE is now completed --- a new, hot-water heating system, insulation under the roof, new electric wiring, enclosed poooh (the word is porch, not pooch --excuse slip) interior and porch painted, new wallpaper on three rooms, direct entry into the Study etc. Soon an Open House will be held so as you can see for yourselves. The expenses were taken care of by a very thoughtful and generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous and by the Church and the Hop Brook Community Club while Charles Johnson donated a generous portion of his labor and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Mike Winters brought order and cleanliness out of chaos left by plumber, carpenter, electrician and painters. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dyer contributed their skilled labor to the papering and a fine job they did! Now, if ever the pastor can find time enough to get settled and organize his books, files, pictures and other miscellaneous "junk" as his good wife calls it, then the Open House will take place.

THE YOUTH CENTER, faced with the high-cost of fuel oil and the problem of sufficient available supervisors, has limited the afternoons of Thursdays, Fridays and and Saturdays and evenings of those days as well for the use of the Youth Center, as it is felt by the Committee that the Center should be available as much as possible. For the time being the only definitely scheduled hours the Youth Center will be open are on Thursday afternoons at 3.30 for the 4-H Sewing Club and Friday evenings for the 8 to 13 year old boys and girls for whom Mrs. Phyllis Loring, Mrs. Percy Stanton and Mrs. Irma Clark are a volunteer committee to provide a program. (It would be nice if other groups of adults would volunteer for some afternoon or evening also.) BUT AT ANY TIME and group of young people desires the use of the Youth Center for recreation or a party or movie, it will be available, providing it has not been previously spoken for. Likewise it can be opened up on rainy Saturdays or on holidays or during vacation time for any who wish to use it for ping pong, shuffle board or any of the games available, including the newly purchased Dart Base Ball Game. It is hoped that Mother and Daughter, Father and Son Get-to-Gethers may be arranged. The YOUTH CENTER is there to be used and the Committee will do all it can to help those who desire to use it. The Committee has not attempted to organize any classes this season as it feels that the Youth Center should be more of a Recreation Center than an Instruction spot as our children get plenty of instruction in school. However, if any group of five or more desire instruction in any handicraft or photography or stamp collecting, instructors will be found, if possible for such a group.

The children who plan to go out on TRICK OR TREAT are asked to meet at the YOUTH CENTER in costume on next Monday night at 6.00 p.m. (October 31st) The Youth Center Committee has received twenty-five bags, labels for coin collection boxes etc. These will be given out to twenty-five of the children. Each of the children will carry a sealed container with a slot in it and when they go from house to house, it is hoped that they will be kindly received and that, in addition to "treating" our children to cookies, candies or such, the people of the town will put pennies or nickels or dimes into the containers to use for "treating" the unfortunate children of foreign lands. Where distance is involved, the children will be carried by car. Then, later, before going home all the children will be asked to reassemble at the

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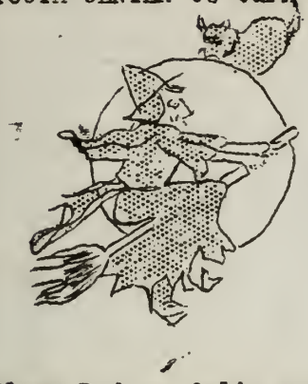
YOUTH CENTER to turn in their collection boxes. (And probably EAT, too.)



BUT LISTEN TO THIS ALL YOU 8 to 13 YEAR OLDS ---- A HALLOWE'EN PARTY is scheduled for you by Mrs. Loring's Committee for this FRIDAY EVENING commencing at 6.00 in the Youth Center.

It is necessary to limit the party very strictly to those age limits and to just the Committee so far as adults are concerned. This event starts the series of Friday evening programs for that age group.

LIFE IS FULL OF CHANGES. Old friends leave and new friends come upon the scene. Tyringham has lost, so far as residency is concerned, our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dodge, Julia and Paul. We wish them well in their new home in Gorham, Maine. But we welcome to Tyringham Mr. and Mrs. Norman Day and we hope they will be very happy here and their children, too. Mr. Day is singing in our church choir which gives Bill Dyer a great deal of comfort as he was our sole male soloist.

THE YOUTH CENTER BASE BALL TEAM had a very active season, though not complete with victories. But the team learned some more base ball and the value of good sportsmanship and, in many ways, it could be called a successful season, under the able coaching of Joe Whalen, assisted at times by Carl Butler. A vote was taken at the end of the season among the numerous spectators and BOB CLARK won the trophy for THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER by a goodly margin. The trophy for BEST SPORTSMANSHIP was won by EVERETT FENNELLY, by a safe margin, though not so overwhelmingly as Bob won the other. But BOB CLARK, by his record, also won the trophy for the HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGE.

It is now the Football Season and WE ARE PROUD TO PASS ON TO YOU AWAY FROM TYRingham that our town has THREE players on the Lee High School varsity this Fall. They are Terry Curtin, Bob Clark and Dudley VanOrman. (Terry made three touchdowns in last Saturday's game when Lee swamped (and that is the right word) believe you me, Williamstown High. Terry and Bob both played base ball for Lee High last Spring

We have received word from State Headquarters in Boston that FRANCIS DAREY is now the CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR of Tyringham. Each year, this position becomes increasingly important. We congratulate both our town and "Putt" on his appointment.

If we are to bring all the news to our Summer Residents, we must bring the sad news along with the good. It is therefore our sad duty to report the sudden and tragic death of FRANK WILLIAM STEDMAN, 28, who passed away in the Pittsfield General Hospital on Thursday, October 6th from a cerebral hemmorhage. His funeral was held on Sunday, October 9th in Union Church of which he was a member. As evidence of the great love and respect everyone had for this unusually fine young man the church was completely filled and the floral display was most beautiful. The deep sympathy of the entire community goes out to his bereaved father, Walter Stedman. It makes a double tragedy for himas the last previous funeral service held in our church was on May 25th for Frank's mother.

TYRINGHAM NOW HAS FIVE BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES:-

TYRINGHAM HONOR ROLL

PFC Sidney VanOrman, U. S. Marine Corps
Pvt. Peter L. Curtin , U. S. Army
Pvt. Richard Loring, U. S. Army
Pvt. James Loring, U. S. Army
Pvt. Richard Birkott, U. S. Air Force

DONALD BIRKETT was a member of the State Poultry Judging Team at the recent Eastern States Exposition in Springfield and was awarded a Blue Ribbon for his skill.

AND DIANNE BIRKETT has entered training as a nurse in Pittsfield General, where Tyringham's Betty Clark has been in training for over two years. Betty is doing just fine and we know Dianne wil, too. (We know already the nurses we're going to want if ever we get put to bed in a hospital!)

GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, FRUENDS. We've possibly forgotten some items but please forgive us if we have. We'll do better next time. Please, everyone, let us know any interesting things you do or know about that would be of interest to the rest of us Tyringham folks.

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A Revoir Mabuhay Auf Wiedersehen

MERRY CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER
1955

Tyringham Topics

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL WHEREVER YOU MAY BE. A very Happy Christmas and may 1956 be for you a year of happiness and fulfilled wishes.

THE STAFF OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS has grown since the first issue two months ago. In addition to the Editor-in-chief, Mrs. Richard Birkett is Assoc. Editor and Mrs. Francis Darey, Art Editor, Miss Agnes Curtin cuts the stencils for the mimeograph and Miss Beverly Dyer has volunteered to be the official stamp-licker. Mrs. Chester VanOrman is the Mailing Dept.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE will be held on Christmas Night, Sunday, December 25 at 7:00 P.M. in Union Church and everyone in Tyringham is invited to come and share in the singing of the carols. It will be a service for both young and old, a service in which all may join, regardless of creed, to observe the greatest birthday of all. (There will be no service in Union Church on Christmas morning.)

THE UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM has received a deep red dossal and a large brass cross to hang in front of it. The cross is given in memory of Reese Denny Alsop by his children, Reese Fell Alsop, Adele Howard, Ann Palmer and Robert C. Alsop and by his sisters, Gulielma Fell Alsop, Mary O'Hara Alsop and Elizabeth Alsop Coxe.

The dossal is given by Dr. Alsop in memory of Adele E. Sheplar, M.D., a beloved friend. Dedication of both the cross and the dossal will take place in the Spring. These gifts add greatly to the beauty of the church.

Union Church also acknowledges the gift of a colonial cabinet, which contains the original pewter Communion Set of the old Baptist Church of Tyringham. This cabinet is the gift of Mrs. Eloise Myers of Lee in memory of the Stedman-Myers families. This, too, will be dedicated in the Spring.

THE VALLEY CLUB realized a net profit of $77.00 by their recent Food Sale held in Lee. The entire proceeds are for the benefit of the Tyringham Youth Center.

THE YOUTH CENTER'S TRICK OR TREAT youngsters covered the town thoroughly on the night of October 29th and came back with $20.00 which was forwarded to the United Nations' UNICEF organization for the benefit of unfortunate children in foreign lands.

THE TYRINGHAM YOUTH CENTER now has a dart baseball game and the Tyringham Colonels, our ball team of last Summer, herewith challenges the Firemen to a World's Series in the Center, figuring that the old men won't get so lame and stiff by indulging in this sort of ball game as they do on the diamond.

THE DEER SEASON, so far as your Special Reporter for TOPICS can find out, was a fairly good one for the mighty hunters of our town, about fifteen deer being shot. Jimmy Curtin, we believe got the first one.

ABOUT "TYRINGHAM TOPICS". We had a bit of difficulty in the mimeographing of our first edition of last October. Some of you probably had difficulty in reading it. The ink coverage was poor but we shall try and correct it this time. Our run consists of 150 copies and, as the mimeograph is not the ink reservoir type, the print has a tendency to fade out.

TYRINGHAM MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES We list below the names and addresses of those of us in the service of their country, in case you'd like to mail them Christmas cards:

A/3c Richard Birkett, AF11304767, 3506 Stu.Sqdn, Box 520, Amarillo AFB, Texas.
Pvt. Peter L. Curtin, RA11290061, 697 E.C(P), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
Pvt. Richard Loring, RA11290055, Co.B., 31st Engr.Bn.(C), Operation Sagebrush, Camp Polk, La.
Pvt. James E. Loring, RA11290062, Co.C., 31st Engr.Bn.(C), Operation Sagebrush, Camp Polk, La.
Pvt. Sidney VanOrman, 1425729, 1st Plat. B Co. SDT-MCS, Quantico, Virginia

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL NEWS The following had a perfect attendance record up to November 25: - Dorothy and Laura Armstrong, Rosa Loring, Karen Winters, Frank Armstrong, Donald Davis, Thomas Fennelly, Benjamin Loring, Shaun Smith and Dennis Whalen. The school has some good spellers coming along. Those with an "A" average for the last marking period were Nancy Kraszeski and Denny Whalen in Grade II, Karen Winters in Grade IV and Thomas Fennelly, Jon Kraszeski and Rosa Loring in Grade V. The following have an "A" average in arithmetic: - Grade I, Robert Choquette; Grade IV, Dennis Curtin; Grade V, Jon Kraszeski.

The annual poster contest for grades IV & V, subject: Annual Town Christmas Party was judged as follows: First: Tommy Curtin - Second: Tommy Fennelly - Third: Dennis Curtin.

The children have filled four Red Cross Gift Boxes with toys and useful gifts as well. The Christmas program is well under way and will include two plays, recitations and the usual Christmas Carols.

The pupils missed Christine Hale, who has been ill, and hope that by the time this is printed that she may be back with them again.

Mrs. Welch, the teacher, and all the pupils desire to thank all who helped make their Halloween Party a success. "No one can make better cakes than our mothers," so rightly boast these children.

ARTHUR FRANKLIN GILMORE, JR. was killed in an automobile accident on Saturday, November 5. He was 39 years of age. His funeral was held in Union Church on Tuesday, November 8. The deep sympathy of this community goes out to his bereaved parents, brother and sisters.

JULIE ANNE ARMSTRONG, brand new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong, arrived on Tuesday, November 22. When interviewed by a staff member of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, she stated that she was delighted to make Tyringham her home.

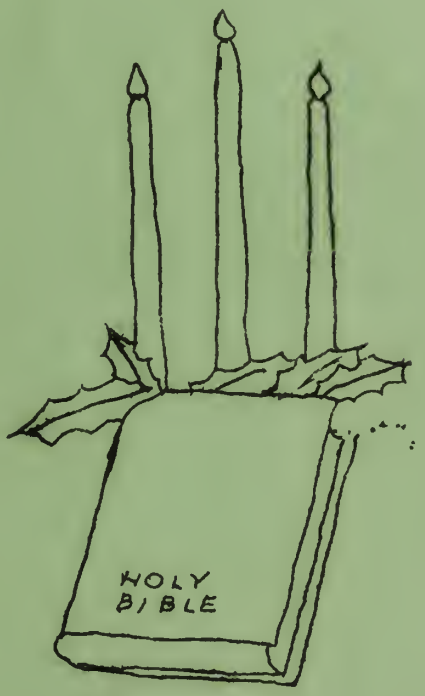
OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. MILLICENT C. MCINTOSH and her husband, Dr. Rustin McIntosh and all her children, on her recent election to the Board of Directors

of the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. And the words "our congratulations" includes the congratulations and best wishes of everyone, young and old, in our village.

THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT has taken delivery on a new pumping engine. The apparatus has a pump rated to deliver 600 gallons per minute and a booster tank with a capacity of 800 gallons. It has a Ford chassis and a body built by the Farrar Company. It is expected that the acquisition of the new engine will reduce somewhat the present tax rate. The members of the truck purchasing committee were Charles Johnson, Robert E.DuVernois, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Kenneth Jones and Fire Chief Willis Hale. The cost of the truck was $9,900, appropriated at a Special Town Meeting last March. A Fire Station to house the Department is in the offing.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE on the Circle in front of Carl Curtin's Store is going up as we "go to press." Wreaths are appearing in doorways, colorled lights and Christmas trees are making their appearance. Mysterious looking boxes are coming through the Post Office. The very young are all excited about something and the words Santa Claus is being mentioned frequently. The School is bsy rehearsing Christmas plays. Floods of Christmas cards are being mailed out and received. It surely looks as though Christmas was coming to Tyringham just as it is to every village, town and city all over most of the World.

Somehow we feel the real Christmas spirit in Tyringham and that the real meaning of Christmas is remembered here to a much greater extent than in other places.



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THE EDITOR GREETS YOU ALL ONCE MORE after a lapse of almost three months.
If the same feeling of Brotherhood existed all through this great world of ours as it does in Tyringham, what a wonderful World it would be! We would have no wars to fear, no deep bitterness, no strife. We are all children of God and the only difference between us is that we choose different roads on which to travel to Him.

THE VITAL IMPORTANCE AND NEED OF A KITCHEN in our Youth Center has been discussed among us for some time. We realize that there is a kitchen in the Town Hall that has been used for years for Church Suppers and other meetings but to use it in Winter time requires wood fires to be built during the day and kept burning, both in the kitchen stove and the stove in the dining room. Those who put on the suppers work at great inconvenience and discomfort. We should have church suppers more often but it is an imposition to ask our ladies to struggle to put them on and serve them under such conditions. In addition the West Room facilities are not of the best.

With a kitchen in the small room adjoining the large room used by the Youth Center and, on Sundays, our Sunday School, we could do much more with our Youth Center program and with Church activities, and for the use of other organizations.

A flick of the switch will give us heating of the rooms -- adequate heating which sometimes we do not get in the Town Hall. With a gas or electric range, cooking will cease to be the tremendous problem it is at present. We could have much better dishwashing facilities and with a serving window cut from the kitchen wall into the "dining room," the congestion of cooks and waiters all crowded into one small kitchen would be eliminated.

With tables set up in the main room over twice as many people could be fed at one sitting instead of having two sittings as is now necessary. These tables (folding tables, either homemade or purchased) could be stored easily in the boiler room.
Due to the hazard of fire, of which we are all now very conscious since the tragedy at Chadwbrook, the oil storage tank now located in the room we would use as our kitchen, should be removed and buried in the ground behind the boiler room. This would leave us

a room adequate for our needs as a kitchen.

To equip the kitchen we would need two small stoves or one large one, with ovens and burners on top. We would need good-sized sinks for dishwashing, a hot water heater, storage cupboards and possibly an electric refrigerator. We would have to have plumbing installation, of course, and built-in cupboards for storage of dishes, silverware and cooking utensils. Some of these furnishings we already have in the Town Hall and they could be moved to the new location. Proper lighting would be necessary and sewage system leading to the tank outside. The Church Committee has investigated the project thoroughly and has approved it and the Hop Brook Community Club has also voiced an approval of the idea.

We realize that a sentimental attachment is held by some for the Town Hall. We respect the feelings of these good people but we feel that the advantages and the great need of a modern small kitchen in the church basement far outweighs any sentimental reasons for using the kitchen existent in the Town Hall.

May we say here that though the Youth Center is primarily for the use of our youth and for our Sunday School, there are many times when the Youth Center could be used by adult groups or organizations as well. It is the opinion of several of the very kind and generous individuals who assisted financially in the construction of the Youth Center that it should be used as a Community Center as well. It does seem rather unnecessary to keep it just for a Youth Center and let it lie idle when, on days or evenings it is not used by our youth, it could be used by adults and thus much more good be gained from it.

With the kitchen handy, the Youth program would be helped by furnishing snacks after parties or other meetings. A 4-H cooking school could use the facilities for its program. Church suppers could be put on more often to bring in more income for the church and like every church, we need it. Organizations such as the Hop Brook Club, The Valley Club, or any other organization could use it. Your Church's turn to entertain the Berkshire South Association of Congregational Christian Churches is due soon. Other churches, smaller than ours, have kitchens and dining facilities in the basements of their churches and we dislike having to ask our guests to ride or trudge, possibly in the rain or snow, down to the Town Hall, and then wait for a first sitting to get through before the remainder can be fed, thus holding up the whole program. After that they must go up the hill again to the church for the evening service.

The Town Hall has its uses - for Town Meetings, Christmas plays, dances, or other entertainment, but it is not suited for church suppers or any public suppers for the benefit of the Church or the Youth Center or other worthy organizations.

We hope all of you will see the reasoning set forth in the preceding paragraphs and agree with us that it is a worthwhile project. If we all pitch in and put our shoulders to the wheel, we can have a kitchen of which we can well be proud. There is nothing quite like good suppers to bring people together in fellowship and friendship. Our Tyringham ladies are famous for their church suppers. We hope that we can give

them a fine little kitchen so that once more people from around Berkshire County will flock here when they hear of a supper being put on in our Youth Center.

We can procure some of the equipment at a discount. With this announcement, we are starting towards our goal.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION CHURCH was held on Wednesday, January 11. The following officers were elected: Arnold Hale, Moderator; Holley Darey, Clerk; Ruth Logan, Treasurer; Mrs. Jessie Hale, Auditor; Kenneth Jones, Deacon for three years; Mrs. Mary Smith, Deaconess for three years; Jule Hale, Sunday School Superintendent; Irma Clark, Asst. S. S. Supt; Georgia Birkett, Trustee for three years. (Note*- Deacons Roger Logan and Arnold Hale, Deaconesses Miss Leda Parker and Mrs. Lillian Bridgham and Trustees Mrs. Milene Shearer and Mrs. Eloise Myers are serving unexpired terms. One in each group is elected for three year terms.)

The Church Committee Chairman is Deacon Roger Logan (now Senior Deacon by rotation), the two other Deacons, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Pastor and two members-at-large, Mrs. Ruth DuVernois and Mrs. Isabella Stanton.

The Finance Committee is composed of Mrs. Stanton, Chairman; Mrs. Connie Dyer and Mrs. Davena Curtin.

Ten new members joined the church in 1955 by Profession of Faith: Beulah Maria Cannon, Francis Charles Darey, Robert Erwin DuVernois, John Rockwell Hoag, Charles Frederick Johnson, MaeBelle Stedman Johnson, Madeline Zaccaria VanOrman, Chester Eugene VanOrman, Charles Walter Stedman and Frank William Stedman.

During 1955, we lost two members of the Church by death: Catherine S. Stedman and her son, Frank William Stedman. We lost one by resignation to join another church, George DeSousa.

There were eight baptisms: Susan Isabelle Stanton, Susan Mae Slater, Martha Day, Jennifer Ann Canon, Larry Donald Cernik, Terri Lee Soules, and David George Hale.

The membership of the Church at the time of the Annual Meeting was 105. Since that date, as of April, 1956, we have lost another member through death, but received twelve into membership, making our total membership now 116.

The Church has been given several beautiful gifts this past year, which have added greatly to the warmth, the dignity, the serenity and beauty of the Sanctuary, and which have been mentioned in our first two issues of "Tyringham Topics."

BIRTHS: A SON, Thomas, born Feb. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Cass Canfield of New York and Tyringham. Cass Canfield and Sidney Damrosch Howard were married in Union Church in July of 1954.

A DAUGHTER, Dawn Marie, born Feb. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cernik. HOORAY!

A DAUGHTER, Susanne Melia, born Mar. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. William Drosseau.

A SON, Robert Sidney, born Mar. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. George Sidney VanOrman, who were married in Union Church on Christmas Eve in 1954.

A DAUGHTER, Anita Damrosch, to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Littell of New York and Tyringham

MARRIAGE: Susan Margaret McIntosh to Robert Andrew Lloyd in Union Church on January 28. Sue is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Justin McIntosh of Tyringham and New York. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude T. Lloyd of Exeter, N. H.

DEATHS: Chester Eugene VanOrman, 56, died early on the morning of Jan.31 of a heart attack when his trailer jack-knifed on icy Papermill Hill in Tyringham. Chet was a member of Union Church, where his funeral was held on Feb. 3.

Wilbur Twing, 83, died Mar. 5 in Pittsfield General Hospital after a short illness. His funeral took place on Mar. 7 in the Kelly Funeral Home.

The deep sympathy of this community goes out to the bereaved families of these two long-time citizens of Tyringham.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, the following joined Union Church:

By Confession of Faith: Henrietta Lee Armstrong, Norman Apgar Day, Ruth Kroeling Day, Evelyn Ann Twing, Gordon Glenn VanOrman.

By letter: Betty Jean Cornik, Andrew Gilmore Ketchen, Alice Ward Ketchen, Beatrice Bowley Loring, Olive Miner Loring, Maude Lyman, Kathleen Eddy VanOrman.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN will take place on Children's Sunday in June.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, 137 attended the service in spite of the wintry weather, and the huge snow drifts. Mrs. Krasnes i was at the organ and a large choir of young and adult voices sang the beautiful Easter hymns. Mary Smith was soloist. The floral offerings in memory of loved ones added beauty to the service. Frank McCarthy of the EAGLE staff took a photograph of the crowd going into the church and the picture was run on the front page of the Berkshire Evening Eagle on Easter Monday.

A PUBLIC SUPPER under the auspices of the Hop Brook Community Club will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 8, for the benefit of Union Church.

On the following Wednesday, a showing of color slides of the West Indies, taken on a recent visit to nine countries there by your Editor-in-Chief, will be held in the Town Hall so that all of Tyringham may share in a wonderful experience. There will be no admission charged BUT a collection will be taken for the benefit of the Church.

SELESTHIN CHARLES SLATER was seriously and painfully injured in an accident on his farm last February and was confined to Pittsfield General Hospital for several weeks. He is now home but unable for awhile to get out and about.

MRS. MAUDE LYMAN is recovering from a serious illness and is in the Benzi Nursing Home, 312 South Street, Pittsfield, where friends may call or send her messages.

A NEW SCHOOL BUS has been put in use by John Heath. Up-to-date in every way and with increased passenger capacity, it is a great improvement over its predecessor.

DIANNE DIBLETT was "capped" on February 8 at North Junior High School, Pittsfield. Dianne is a student nurse at Pittsfield General Hospital. By the way, we can all be very proud of both our Tyringham nurses at that institution. Both Betty Clark, who, ere long, will be graduated, and Dianne are doing extremely well. They always make it a point to see Tyringham patients and their "bedside manner" is superb!

CLIFF CANON this past Winter (if it IS "past") put up a basket on his barn door for the use of Tyringham boys who wished to practice basketball. Quite a number made use of the basket. It is encouraging and worthy of note--this interest in our youth by adults.

PVT. PETER CURTIN AND AIRMAN RICHARD DIBLETT are now overseas--the former in Germany, the latter in Korea. Peter's address is Pvt. Peter Curtin, RA 11280081, Co. C, 43rd AIB, APO 34, New York, N.Y. We don't know Dick's address as yet but will give it out in our next issue. Both these boys would appreciate hearing from their friends in Tyringham. Dick Loring and Jim Loring are still in this country but one or both may leave soon to cross the ocean. PFC Sidney VanOrman (now "Daddy" VanOrman in addition to his other duties) is still in Quantico, VA., but recently was home to inspect his newly arrived son, who "reported for duty" on March 28.

A CUB PACK has recently been organized under the sponsorship of the YOUTH CENTER. Lucyan Krasseski is the Cubmaster. Den Mothers are Mrs. Krasseski, Mrs. Ann Davis and Mrs. William Dyer. The Cub Committee is composed of Kenneth Jones, Donald Davis and Joseph Whalen.

ROBERT LORING has been appointed Civil Defense Director by the Selectmen. As the world situations become more and more tense, Civil Defense assumes greater importance. A guided missile could fall short or overreach its target or get off its course so that no city, town or village is free from danger. And as we well know, peace-time disasters can happen too. It is well that Tyringham is preparing to organize its very important department of Civil Defense.

THE VALLEY CLUB is a devoted and live-wire organization, dedicated to the benefit of the Youth Center and the youth of Tyringham. The Club meets monthly and helps greatly whenever needed. A food sale netted $78.00; a Penny Auction, $19.93, and Easter Baskets, $13.00. TYRINGHAM TOPICS would be most pleased to share some of its space for any items the Valley Club would like to have published.

SCHOOL NEWS - The School and Community Christmas Tree was held on Dec. 22 in the Town Hall. It was a splendid occasion, well-planned and well carried out, unique and original. Teacher and pupils are all to be congratulated for a very happy evening enjoyed by all who attended.

TYRINGHAM TOPICS looks forward to the return of Tyringham's Summer Residents. We have had a severe winter, following fall floods, and we have had tragedies since last we were all together. But we have had happy times too, and we hope that our TYRINGHAM TOPICS have brought you up-to-date on all happenings. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS A WELCOME TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AS YOU COME BACK TO US FOR THE SUMMER.

4-H News:

THE TYRINGHAM 4-H BEAVER SEWING CLUB rated well at the annual Dress Revue in Pittsfield April 14.

In the Senior Group, Joan Hale, showing a coat and dress ensemble, and Beverly Dyer, with a party dress, received "Excellent" which is top rating. Deirdre Curtin, showing a school dress, Mary Gene Smith, a party dress, and Beverly Dyer, a suit, received "Very Good."

In the Junior Group, Karen Winters had "Excellent" on a blouse, Angelica McLennon "Very Good" on a blouse. Donna Heath and Rosa Loring received "Good" for their skirts.

This sewing project has been conducted all through the winter at the Youth Center. We have enjoyed the young people and the Dress Revue proved that the year was well worthwhile.

Right now, the girls have 4-H Cookies for sale.

Our next project will be on food and good nutrition

Leaders:
Mrs. Wm. Brosseau
Mrs. R. E. DuVernois

A TYRINGHAM POULTRY CLUB has recently been organized by Mrs. Carolyn Carlson. Assistant Leader is Miss Joan Hale. The twelve boy and girl members are raising pullets and broilers. The children made a fine showing in a recent judging contest held in Pittsfield.

THE TYRINGHAM 4-H WORKSHOP, a handicraft group, has recently been organized by Mr. Rocky Hoag. The children have made tea tiles and bird houses and are learning the use of tools. Eleanor Hoag is acting as Assistant Leader to this group.

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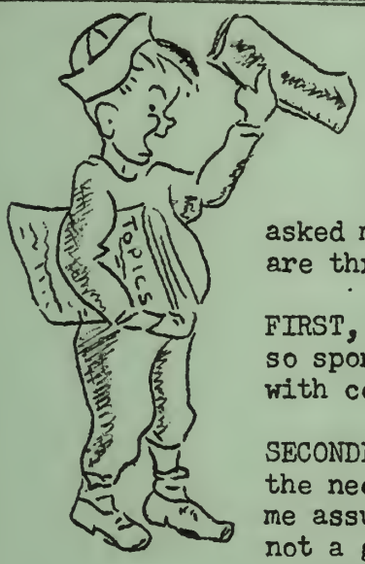


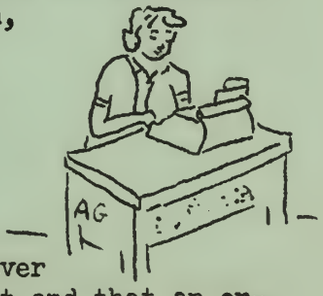
Dear Folks:-

The committee members, who, out of the goodness of their hearts undertook to purchase a much-needed new mimeograph and present it to the Union Church in Tyringham, have asked me to publish a special issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS. There are three reasons for this;

FIRST, the committee desires to thak all those who have given so spontaneously and so generously towards a new machine — with contributions still coming in.

SECONDLY - there may be one or two, possibly, who may question the need for a new machine, thinking the old one adequate. Let me assure you the old machine was totally inadequate. It was not a good machine to begin with. And, in the course of years, it started to "come apart at the seams." Scotch tape was required to hold the stencil on or it would wrinkle and spoil copy with a black smudge. The feed was never good. It had to be hand fed and this took time when a long run was being made. If the automatic feeder was used, instead of feeding one sheet at a time, three, four, sometimes as many as ten would come through at one time, which meant much time out for sorting out the blanks, counting the good sheets and jogging and replacing the paper at the feeder end. It wasted a great deal of paper. Copies sometimes were ink-splattered. If more than sixty sheets were run, the ink would fade out and the cylinder would have to be reinked by lifting the stencil,and daubing on the ink with a brush. All in all, it was totally inefficient. Your humble operator felt ready for Northampton after running through even one page of TYRINGHAM TOPICS. The writer has had over 25 years of experience with mimeographs and all sorts of duplicators and, the best for our purpose, is a real mimeograph which the other was not.

THIRDLY - this new machine is for the use not alone of the church for calendars, TYRINGHAM TOPICS, etc., but is available to the School, Firemen, the Hop Brook Club, the Valley Club, the Community Center, the Tyringham Players, 4-H Club, Boy Scouts..any of our Tyringham organizations who have things they want mimeographed. The new Mimeograph will print bulletins, post cards, tickets, posters, letterheads, business forms — all sorts of things and at a great savings.



The only stipulations are that either the writer run off what ever is desired on the mimeograph or some experienced operator use it and that an organization pay only for the stencils used and the paper. In some cases such as long letters or reports or booklets (yes, it will print booklets, too, and we have the machinery to bind them) it will be necessary for an organization to have the stencils cut, as your humble "pressman" is known as a "one finger typist" using the "Hunt and Peck" system. By the use of our mimeoscope, we can also illustrate by sketches or by artist or by splicing into the stencils some particular drawing.

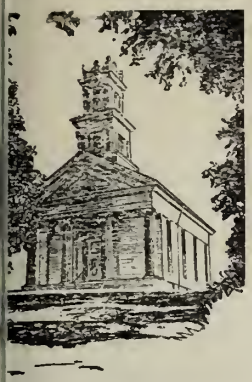
We hope the next TYRINGHAM TOPICS will reach you in January.

All Tyringham people, regardless of creed are cordially invited to share in the singing of Christmas Carols on Christmas Sunday evening, December 22nd at the Church, starting at 7:30. There will be a Candlelight service on this evening.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no service of Worship Christmas Sunday Morning.

F. L. C.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



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BACK AGAIN

TYRINGHAM TOPICS is back again to greet you all and bring you up to date on various things that have happened since our last issue. For the sake of space, cost of postage, paper, etc., we shall be brief as possible, but, we hope, thorough.

The scope of the YOUTH CENTER has been broadened in order that adults may share its advantages as well, but the youth of the town must have priority. Before this change in policy and name was made, those who gave so generously to the Youth Center project were first consulted and agreed unanimously and enthusiastically that it would be their wish that all Tyringham share in the facilities of the Center. The Youth Center Committee then met at the call of Chairman Edward Perkins, Jr., and adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, changing the name to THE TYRINGHAM VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER. The Community Center is open for the use of any organization or group in Tyringham. Its equipment and facilities are for the use of all, but only on the premises. This is a precaution to avoid the possible loss of equipment or breakage in transit. As everyone knows, small items do get lost and larger items can get broken and it is for the benefit of all that this rule has been adopted.

The KITCHEN has already proved itself of great benefit, not only for building up good-feeling and fellowship, but from a financial standpoint as well. We did go somewhat into debt to get it, but what remains of the debt is being reduced from time to time by public suppers. Over $200. has already been raised by these suppers put on by the men of the Church and Community. In addition to those who contributed generously to the Kitchen, it is only right that we express here our gratitude to Charles Johnson. We had planned originally to get only the most necessary equipment and do only the necessary construction -- to put in only one or two cupboards for example. But Mr. Johnson volunteered to build it completely with all the needed cupboard space and to pay him back as we raised the money. This the Committee most gratefully voted to do, and we feel that the builder's thoughtfullness and generosity should be acknowledged. He has helped us no end, we assure you.

A new organization is born -- THE COBBLE CLUB. It is composed of men of the Community who seek to serve both the Church and the Community. It is unique in that it has no officers, no dues, no regular meetings, no constitution or by-laws. The only qualification for membership is the sincere desire of any man to offer his services and work for the good of the Church or Tyringham. The age limits are 18 to 100.

THE VALLEY CLUB, to which the Youth Center, and now the Community Center and particularly its youth activities, owes so much has elected its officers for the year 1956 - 1957: President-Betty Cernik; Vice-President - Lois Kraczeski; Secretary - Alice Hale and Treasurer - Mary Hale.

And PLEASE NOTE THIS: - THE VALLEY CLUB is planning a CHRISTMAS SALE OF VARIOUS articles - to be held on Saturday, December 8th from noon until 8:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. They have so many beautiful and attractive articles to sell that the Community Center is not large enough. Tea and cookies will be served during the sale. The sale is for the benefit of the Community Center Fuel Fund. (Editors note:- It's wise to do your Christmas shopping early, but this year you'd better wait for the Valley Club Christmas Sale.) Here's a hint of what you will find there: "Fancy" work, knitted articles, X-mas tree ornaments, X-mas greens (orders taken for later delivery), dried flower arrangements, food (fruit cakes, etc.), bird feeders, white elephant table, and many other delightful surprises.

THE UNION CHURCH has installed lightning rods on the church building. Alarmed by the fact that many churches in New England have been struck by lightning in recent months, including the beautiful old West Stockbridge Congregational Church, the Church Committee feared to wait any longer to give adequate protection to our own beautiful building. We may be in debt, but this expense was most necessary to take.

A BIBLE CLASS, meeting Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00, has been formed for the women of the Church or anyone else interested. It is taught by the Pastor.

Since the last issue in April of Tyringham Topics, the following children were baptized in Union Church: On June 10th, Julie Anna Armstrong, daughter of Charles and Dorothy Armstrong; Dawn Marie Cernik, daughter of Larry and Betty Cernik; Susan Lynn Clark, Diane Louise Clark and Donald Henry Clark, Jr., children of Donald and Judith Clark; Andrew Gilmore Ketchen, 3rd, Mary Eleanor Ketchen and Shelly Alice Ketchen, children of Andrew and Alice Ketchen; Bernice Rae Martin, daughter of Victor and Bernice Martin; Thomas Michael Soules, son of Norman and Patricia Soules; Robert Sidney VanOrman, son of George Sidney and Madeleine VanOrman.

And on August 26, Brooke Alsop, Elise Gulielma Fell Alsop, Jane Chapin Alsop and Anne Spring Denny Alsop, children of Reese and Elise Alsop of New York City, nephew of our own Dr. Gulielma Fell Alsop. The family was here for the dedication of the Cross, given to our Church by Dr. Alsop and her sisters, Mary O'Hara Alsop and Elizabeth Alsop Shepard, along with his children, Reese Fell Alsop, Adele Le'Bourgeois Howard, Ann Spring Denny Palmer and Robert Chapin Alsop.

UNION CHURCH welcomed into membership on Sunday, October 7, Donald Robert Davis.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To BETTY CLARK on her graduation, Wednesday, June 13, from the Henry W. Bishop III Memorial School of Nursing, Pittsfield.

To ROBERT CLARK, TERRY CURTIN, DUDLEY VANORMAN AND KENNETH WINTERS for their playing on the unbeaten, untied Lee High School Football Team. Bob and Terry are consistent ground-gainers and touchdown experts. Dud and Ken are immovable linemen.

WE WELCOME TO TYRINGHAM AS RESIDENTS: Mr. Richard Ravenal, who has purchased the Holloway estate; Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Heath and family who have built a new home on Monterey Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gallock who are occupying an apartment in the John Heath home.

Under the untiring efforts of Tyringham's firemen, the new firehouse walls are up and the roof is being constructed at this writing.

James DuVernois is now residing and going to school in Pikesville, Kentucky. He is living with his sister, Dorothy, at 101 Sycamore Street.

We all regret so much that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holloway have left Tyringham, due to the illness of Mrs. Holloway. They will be greatly missed, both as friends and neighbors, as well as members of Union Church, though they still retain their membership. We hope that it may be possible for them to come back now and then.

During the summer, Mrs. Eloise Myers of Lee, a member of Union Church and former resident of Tyringham, gave a most interesting and enlightening history of our town, - greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Numerous old photographs were on display. A free-will offering was taken for the benefit of the Youth Center and yielded $24.46.

PERSONALS:

BORN: Stephen Day, son of Norman and Ruth Day, on July 2, 1956.
Daniel Duane Slater, son of Charles and Elizabeth Slater, on July 15,1956.

MARRIED: Dianne Mary Birkett and Carl Ernest Butler, on Sept. 8, 1956 in Union Church.

DIED: Georgette Heath Warren, 93, oldest resident of Tyringham, on Aug. 31 in Lee. Service was in her late home and burial in Tyringham.

Lars Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holloway, in Chicago. Burial was in Tyringham.

Ernest L. Babb of Lee, husband of Mrs. Reba Babb, faithful member of our choir, and father of our organist, Mrs. Lois Kraczeski. Services were held in Union Church and burial was in Mill River.

HERE ARE THE ADDRESSES OF THE TWO TYRINGHAM BOYS WHO ARE OVERSEAS - in order that you may send them Christmas greetings:- (Mail Early)

A2/c Richard H. Birkett AF11304787
9th Fighter Bomber Squadn.
Box 264, APO 157, San Francisco, Calif.

PFC Peter L. Curtin, RA 11290061
Co. C, 43rd A.I.B.
APO 34, New York, N. Y.

And don't forget our boys in the Armed Forces here in the United States:

PVT. James E. Loring, RA11290062
DET #35022
Camp Hale, Colorado

PFC Richard O. Loring, RA11290055
DET #35022
Camp Hale, Colorado

SGT. George S. VanOrman, 1425729
B Co, SDT - MCS
Quantico, Va.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sid VanOrman on his recent promotion to Sergeant in the Marines.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER is being used more and more for Boy Scout Cubbing meetings, 4-H Club activities and other youth doings. In addition, it is planned to take various age groups of boys and girls on some sort of outings. A roster is being kept so that in the year between September 1, 1956 and September 1, 1957 as many as possible will have either a trip or some sort of outing. This is quite a project and we hope those who can do so will volunteer to share in the transportation.

In September, to the Eastern States Exposition, went Russell and Ronald Loring, Thomas Curtin and Gerald Clark. In October some of the older girls - Evelyn Twing, Dierdre Curtin, Beverly Dyer and Joan Hale, chaperoned by Mrs. William Dyer, visited Radio City, the United Nations and the Empire State Building in New York. On November 3, thanks to the generosity and interest of General Miles Reber, these boys attended the Army-Colgate Football Game, saw the Cadets pass in review and gazed in admiration at Grace Kelly and her Prince: - Bruce Logan, Eugene Curtin, Jon Kraczeski, John Canon, Edward Choquette, Henning Carlson and James Burdick.

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Inasmuch as a bit of HUMOR adds spice to any publication, we add the following:

Last Spring one of our older boys, with an inquisitive mind, poked his finger in a hole in his desk at school. The finger stuck and boy, desk, and, of course, his finger were all carried down to the "shop" where the finger was released, none the worse for its experience.

And early last Summer, a prominent Tyringham woman got into her car in a rush and sat on a hornet. It is rmored that for a day or so after that she ate standing up!

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We just know it's time to wake again,
Time to stop this hibernation;-
Time to run down all the winter's news
And get out a publication.
For we hear the peeping of the frogs,-
We see the fishing being done,
Watch the baseball players hard at play,
And the cows loosed out to sun.
Our birdhouse we had just about hung
When a Robin came along,
And he talked so sweet, just to hear him repeat,
We rented it for a song.
There's something so fresh in a country town,
Clean from a Springtime rain,
Lying quiet so the warm Spring sun,
Can dry it out again,
We like that freshness of Spring, by gum,
That feeling the world is brand new;
We like the way it makes a man feel-
He can do what he sets out to do.
For the world is new and reborn again,
As all God's creatures can sense,
And all a human need do to succeed,
Is pick himself up and commence.

Here we are again with TYRINGHAM TOPICS after an absence of almost six months, and the above bit of verse, dashed off by one of our local girls, expresses the sentiments of most of us at this time of year.

Even though we haven't had the rain mentioned in the poem above, our town is fresh and green looking. However, because of the explosive conditions in the woods, caused by a lack of rain, we are not allowed at this time to enter them.

We will endeavor to report the news over this long span as best and as briefly as we can. The winter - and spring thus far - have found us with much activity, many sorrows and many joys.

OUR MINISTER, Mr. Couch, returned to us following a vacation marked by near-tragedy; a vacation Cap will deeply remember to the end of his days -- as we will. Perhaps Cap's own words (from his first sermon following his return), describing this accident which befell his son, Dr. Nathan Pierce Couch, while engaged in a research project at Harvard Medical College, are appropriate here:

"He slumped to the floor, one of his associates catching him as he fell. He had received, we are told, approximately 30,000 volts. His heart stopped beating. He stopped breathing. He was dead so far as his heart and lungs were concerned. At that very moment, on their way to a conference, through the door of the laboratory came two of the top surgeons in the country, trained and capable of caring for just such an emergency. They immediately saw what had happened. Losing no time, our son's body was lifted onto the table. One of the surgeons seized a knife, made a quick incision in his chest, reached in and started to massage his heart. Within two minutes, his heart responded and started to beat. His breathing returned. They gave him injections to keep the heart beating and penicillin to ward off infection, for this emergency operation had to be performed under unsanitary conditions. As soon as possible, they moved him to an operating room and sewed up his chest. His wife had been summoned and soon after she got to him, he opened his eyes and recognized her; then lapsed into unconsciousness again. Hours later he regained consciousness again and from that moment began to recover!"

"The doctors called it a miracle --- God still performs miracles...."

A miracle indeed; one in which we all shared to a great extent, and one that has precipitated, as Cap himself points out, an affinity between a minister and his pastorate that perhaps may have never been achieved in any other manner.

We must mention here that shortly after Cap's return, his birthday was celebrated by a surprise supper at the Community Center, in which the whole town - and many friends from out of town - participated. For once, our Minister was kept "in the dark" about something that was "pending" in our town and was most thoroughly surprised.

THE VALLEY CLUB has been most active during the winter months. After launching a very successful Christmas Sale, the ladies have sponsored square dances at the Town Hall. Twice, movies were shown at the Community Center and were quite successful. We must say that one of the big attractions was the popcorn and soda .

GOOD FRIDAY was observed with a communion service at the Union Church. The following new members were received into the Church: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Cannon, Mr. John Heath, Mrs. Reba Babb and Ronald Loring.

EASTER SUNDAY saw its usual good attendance at church. The altar was decorated with flowers which were placed there by members of the congregation in memory of departed members of their families.

THE TYRINGHAM PLAYERS, a new organization formed during the winter, is now

rehearsing for a one-act play to be presented to an audience of members and invited guests. The new group hopes, with the permission of the Selectmen, to modify and equip with lights and curtains the stage of the Town Hall. Persons interested in becoming active or associate members of the group are invited to attend one of the meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of each month, or to contact Mrs. George deSousa, secretary-treasurer.

SCOUT TROOP 40 was organized in Tyringham during the winter months, and is sponsored by the Tyringham Community Center. Lucyan Kraczeski was named Scoutmaster by the Tyringham Scout Committee, whose members are Kenneth Jones, Donald Davis, Joseph Whalen and William Dyer. Besides regular meetings, the scouts have participated in cook-outs and sleep-overs. They also held a meeting at the Community Center which included a candle light ceremony. At this time, the boys were presented with their bobcat pins, wolf badges, bear badges and gold arrow points to the leaders.

THE COBBLE MEN'S CLUB has not been idle either. More than $310 was realized by the Club from an auction held at the Community Center. Proceeds were used for kitchen equipment for the Center. Recently, the men sponsored a Pancake Supper.

WELCOME to Tyringham as residents: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cabral and two children who have moved into the former Warren house in the center.

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY TO:

The Carlson family on the loss of Mr. Carlson's mother, Mrs. Mary Carlson, who passed away last week at the age of 94. Mrs. Carlson was our oldest resident.

To Sgt. and Mrs. Sidney VanOrman on the tragic death of their son, Robert Sidney, at the age of 13 mos.

To Mr. Arthur DuBois on the death of his wife, Cornelia Coster DuBois, in December.

Mrs. Cowham on the death of her husband, Neil Cowham, in April.

Mrs. Grace Slater and Charles Slater on the death of Duane Slater in May.

CONGRATULATIONS:

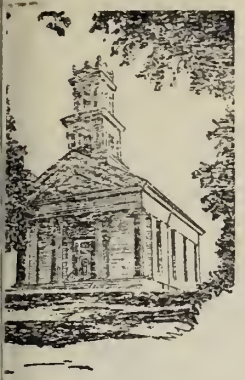
To Miss Margaret Olds, who was named "Senior College Scholar" at an honors convocation recently at Wellesley College. The title was awarded to Miss Olds for high scholastic attainment.

To the former Betty Clark on her marriage to Nelson Warren Smith on April 13 at Union Church in Tyringham

To Walter Stedman and the former Janice Storey of Great Barrington who became Mr. and Mrs. in March at Union Church in Tyringham.

BASEBALL is in the air! There is intense activity in the Park these days, from the very youngest upward. We've even had a late report (just in time for our publication) that the LADIES are getting prepared for practice sessions in the Softball version of this sport. We're holding our breath ..... in anticipation! We're wondering at this writing just who the opposition will be. Our suggestion is that either the Firemen or the Cobble Men's Club whip into shape!

PLEASE let us leave you with this reminder -------DRIVE CAREFULLY through our town! A few weeks ago it was a little boy's puppy -- next time it may be your little boy!



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Tyringham, Massachusetts
November, 1957

Dear Folks:-

Greetings to you all! We sort of missed out on the 1956 - 1957 series of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, due to the operation-convalescence-vacation of the Editor, but thanks to Miss Agnes Curtin and Mrs. George DeSousa (poet-laureate) you did get a copy in the Spring. We expect to be out on time in this series.

This copy will start with events and items since September 1st of this year. All of us, both round-the-year and summer residents, know all the doings up to September 1st.

Just now Tyringham is in the throes of the Asian Flu. And it has 'throed" quite a few and still claiming victims. No cases have been too serious - though mighty uncomfortable. (You have probably heard about the Chinaman who was stranded in San Francisco because there had been a mix-up in his steamship reservations for Hong Kong. Turned out okay, however - the Asian flew!)

Thanks to Deacon Roger Logan and Deacon Arnold Hale and Donald Hale, the Church vestibule has been altered by the removal of part of one balcony stairway -- a change much needed for more room.

As we go to press, the Cobble Club, assisted by a dining room staff of ladies, is putting on the Second Annual Barbecued Turkey Supper, which promises to be a great success. Roger Logan is Chairman of this event. Those unable to attend due to flu, or for other reasons, may send for their dinners, providing ticket, dishes and courier.

The Valley Club put on a very successful "Mystery Supper" last month, raising over $50 toward the Community Center Heating Fund. The Menu:- 1) Jack o'Lantern's Loss, 2) What you do when you see a cop, 3) Klondike nuggets, 4) Witch's sauce, 5) Blend of alium, salvia and taurus, 6) Adam's ale, 7) Crimson whip, 8) Swells of the sea, 9) Cow's relief, 10) Rabbit food, Alaskan, 11) William Tell under blanket, 12) Boston overthrow, 13) All shook up, 14) No grounds for divorce, 15) Son of Noah in idaho. To any of our summer residents who can send in a correct interpretation of the above menu, TYRINGHAM TOPICS will award a double-dip ice cream cone of the flavors of their choice.

Tyringham has a new resident this Fall -- Brenda Sue VanOrman, born on October 7 to Gordon and Kathleen Eddy VanOrman. Young Miss VanOrman was baptized on

October 13th.

And Tyringham continues to grow. We have a new bride. Robert K. Clark, son of Wilbur Clark, Sr. and the late Mrs. Carrie Clark, married Patricia A. Carty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carty, Washington Mt. Road, Lee, on Friday, October 11, 1957. They were married by Justice of the Peace, Clement Moore. The best man was Terrence Curtin and the Matron of Honor was Mrs. Nancy Bertelli of Lee. Both bride and groom graduated from Lee High School last June. They are living in Tyringham with Mr. Wilbur Clark. TYRINGHAM TOPICS heartily congratulates the couple and wishes them a long wedded life of happiness. (Welcome to Tyringham, Mrs. Clark.)

And then on November 1st, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Curtin moved to town to reside in the Fennelly home. Mr. Richard Fennelly plans to spend the winter in Florida. During his absence, Willis, the oldest son, is living in New Lenox, Everett and Edward are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heath, and Tommy is with Mr. and Mrs. Henning Carlson. (Welcome to Tyringham to all the Neil Curtins.)

Congratulations from us all to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erwin DuVernois who celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 2nd.

The Annual "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF was staged October 31st from the Community Center where refreshments were served by the Valley Club. Approximately $20 was raised to send UNICEF for the unfortunate children in other lands.

Dudley VanOrman and Kenneth Winters played this season on the victorious Lee High School team. Dud was co-captain and played guard. Ken played tackle.

Tyringham School opened on September 4th with 17 boys and 7 girls. The first grade has an enrollment of 7. John N. Curtin, Jr. and Darleen Curtin, new arrivals in Tyringham were enrolled. The regular Hallowe'en Party of the School was held Wednesday, October 30th with the following committees in charge: Refreshments, Nancy Kraszeski, Laura Armstrong, Dennis Whalen and Charles Clark. Entertainment, Donald Davis, Jr., Benjamin Loring, Christine Hale and Kenneth Jones. Costume prizes went to Dennis Whalen for the prettiest; to Robert Choquette for the most original; to Donald Cernik for the funniest. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Attendance at the School, despite the flu, is very good and Mrs. Welch and her pupils hope to keep it that way.

The Scouts of Troop 40, Tyringham, and their Scoutmaster, Lucyan Kraszeski, will be hosts to Troop 48 of Otis, Troop 51 of Sandisfield, and Troop 57 of Monterey at a large Court of Honor, Friday, November 15, in the Tyringham Community Center. The public is cordially invited. Following the Court of Honor, pictures will be shown in color of the National Boy Scout Jamboree held at Valley Forge last summer.

As we go to press, news has been received of the death of the father of Mrs. Donald Davis, who died in New York City. To Ann Davis, the condolences and sympathy of all.

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Tyringham now has nine boys in the Armed Forces and we can be justly proud of every one of them. We'd like to give you the addresses of each, but some are changing station, so we are unable to do so. These are Sergeant George Sidney VanOrman, who has just distinguished himself at a special Marine School, being Top Man in his class; SP/3 Peter Lee Curtin, who (we sincerely hope) is on his way home from Germany where he has been stationed keeping an eye on a certain country. But another Tyringham boy goes to Germany to take Pete's place the latter part of this month. (See how Uncle Sam depends on our boys!) Eddie Twing, who went into the Army last March, and who has been stationed at Fort Dix where he, too, distinguished himself in training, is now home on leave prior to his departure for Germany. He has just returned from visiting his brother Gerald at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. Gerry is in Engine Mechanics School and is now a PFC.

A/1c Richard Birkett, stationed at Komaki AFB in Japan, received his promotion last September. He has been in Japan since March of 1956. He has gone on TDY to Okinawa, the Philippines, Formosa, Korea, Thailand and Hong Kong. Our boys sure get around. Dick's borther, Donald Charles Birkett, is at Lowry AFB, Colorado. He is an A/3c, as is also Gerry Twing,and James DuVernois, who is stationed at Warren AFB, Cheyenne, Wyoming. These last three boys, who entered the service last July together, are now scattered, but it just shows how seeding Tyringham boys about the country is good for the U.S.

SP/3 James Loring is home for a furlough and will return to Fort Carson, Colorado, after visiting with his family. Richard Loring is still stationed at Camp Hale, Colorado. You may remember that Peter Curtin, Dick Loring and Jimmy Loring enlisted in the Army almost three years ago, so their enlistments are nearly up and they will be returning to Tyringham early in 1958.

On Saturday, November 9th, due to the kindness of Major General Miles Reber of Princeton and Tyringham, seven Tyringham boys and a driver will be able to enjoy the Army-University of Utah Football Game at West Point Military Academy, where they will also witness the dress parade of the Cadet Corps.

Guess that's all for now, folks. We hope to get out our next TYRINGHAM TOPICS in January. We would appreciate receiving any items of interest from any of you from time to time so that we can embody them in our next TOPICS.

Yours for Tyringham,

Franklin L. Couch ("CAP")

CLOSING THOUGHT

A Chines preacher, speaking of robbing God, used this illustration: It came to pass that a man went to market with a string of seven coins. Seeing a beggar that asked for alms, he gave the poor man six coins and kept one for himself. The beggar, instead of being thankful, followed the good man and stole the seventh coin also. What an abominable wretch! Yes, and would you, to whom God has given six days, steal the seventh also?

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TYRINGHAM TOPICS
January 15, 1958

Dear Folks:-

We've got so much to tell you this time, we scarcely know where to begin!

Happy New Year to you, each and all -- and may 1958 be a great year for every one of you. But before we review the news so far in 1958, let's look back to what has happened since our last regular issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, the one published last November on the old mimeograph which Noah once used to publish "ARCHIVES OF THE ARK," handed out free as souvenirs to each pair of animals and birds as they left the ship when the waters subsided. From now on we hope you'll be able to read our issues without magnifying glasses and Chinese interpreters.

Starting back in early December, Dud VanOrman, Captain and Guard on the Lee High School Football team,was picked by the SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN and THE SPRINGFIELD UNION for their All-Berkshire small school football teams. Dud's a Senior, but Tyringham still has a worthy representative for next fall's team in the person of Ken ("Red") Winters.

Many people in Tyringham were downed by the Asian Flu, but none seriously. As we write this, our town is buried under four inches of snow, but our efficient road commissioner, Fred Loring, and his crew of stalwarts, have the roads cleared and sanded on the hills. Along with the rest of the country, though, we experienced a brown Christmas.

Most of us had a very happy Christmas, but two of our youngsters met with mishaps. Christine Hale, daughter of Don and Mary Hale, like the good, helpful girl she is, even though only eight years old, working with her mother in the Hale barn, fell off the top of a ladder and broke her hip -- this on Christmas Eve. She was rushed to Hillcrest Hospital in Pittsfield and observed Christmas Day with both legs in casts with a brace between at the knees. She is home now, bright and cheerful, despite the casts, which she will have to wear for ten weeks. She loves to have visitors, so, those of you in town, why not go and see her? (And I'll bet she'd like to receive some cards, too). The other youngster was Walter Palmer, son of Gilly and Ann Palmer. He got a new bike for Christmas and was riding it Christmas morning, when he fell off and banged his face all up and injured his jaw so badly that he has it all laced up with wire. At Hillcrest, he occupied the bed next to Christine for a few days, but he, too, is home, but not going to school we understand. He, too, would like to see visitors (and receive cards).

S.3C Peter L. Curtin came home in December from three years of service in the Army, part of it spent in Germany, where he was stationed at Baunholder. He enlisted February 7, 1955. He wears the good conduct medal and expert rifleman medal. He is the son of John and Davena Curtin.

The Hop Brook Club held their Annual Meeting and elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. Ruth DuVernois; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lillian Bridgham; Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Hale; Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Slater.

The Valley Club, too, held their Annual Meeting and elected the following: - President, Mrs. Lois Kraszeski; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Marion Whalen; Secretary, Mrs. Jean Hale; Treasurer, Mrs. Ann Davis. Entertainment Committee Chairman, Mrs. Georgia Birkett.

And speaking of Annual Meetings, Union Church held its Annual Meeting on January 8 following a family covered-dish supper in the Community Center. The following re-elected, newly elected or hold-overs form the officers of the Church for 1958. (The year their term

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expires is in parenthesis): Moderator, Arnold Hale (1959); Deacons, Kenneth Jones (1959), Roger Logan (1960), Arnold Hale (1961); Deaconnesses, Mary Smith (1959), Constance Dyer (1960), Lillian Bridgham (1961); Acting Deaconess, Reba Babb (1959); Clerk, Ruth Darey; Treasurer, Ruth Logan; Auditor, Jessie Hale; Trustees, Georgia Birkert (1959), William Dyer, (1960), Eloise Myers (1961); Members-at-Large of Church Committee, Isabella Stanton and Ruth DuVernois; Finance Committee, Constance Dyer (1959), Davena Curtin (1960), Betty Cernik (1961); Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Willis Hale; Asst. S.S. Supt., Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr.

The Pastor was designated to draw up resolutions on the deaths of two members of Union Church who passed away in 1957: Mrs. Mary Carlson who died April 20 at the age of 94, and Miss Lena Garfield who died December 28 at the age of 87.

At the suggestion of the Sunday School Superintendent and on motion of the pastor, a committee of five was appointed by the Moderator to look into the organization of a Pilgrim Fellowship Group in our Church. The Committee appointed consists of Mrs. Richard Birkett, Donald Davis, William Dyer, Alice Hale and Mrs. Francis Darey.

The Church lost one member by resignation in 1957, Mrs. Candace Heath Abderhalden of Lee. Seven new members were added to the rolls: Clifford Canon, Dorothy Butler Canon, John Francis Heath, Ronald Ashton Loring, Eleanor Grew Canon, John Grew Canon, and Reba Lumbert Babb.

Three marriages were performed in 1957: On March 15, Walter Charles Stedman of Tyringham married Janice Ellen Storey of Great Barrington; On April 13, Nelson Warren Smith of Pittsfield married Betty Carol Clark of Tyringham, and on June 22, Robert Barrie Luchars of Upper Montclair, N.J., married Margaret Antoinette Olds of Tyringham and Wellesley.

There was one birth in Tyringham in 1957: Brenda Sue VanOrman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon VanOrman. And, three baptisms; Miss VanOrman, William Robert Abderhalden of Lee, and Daniel Duane Slater, who was born in 1956.

There were four funerals in Union Church in 1957: Those of the two members who died, Mrs. Carlson and Miss Garfield; and Robert Sidney VanOrman, infant son of Sergeant and Mrs. George Sidney VanOrman; and Duane S. Slater, 70, late husband of Mrs. Grace Slater.

Miss Lena Garfield died in her home in Tyringham after a long illness. She was born in Tyringham, April 16, 1870, the daughter of Wallace and Hannah Canon Garfield. Her grandparents were among the three families that founded this town, coming here from Weston, Mass. She was educated in local schools, graduated from Lee High School, attended Wilbraham Academy and graduated from Westfield Normal School and Boston Slayd School. She taught in Tyringham and in Amherst and for 35 years at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton. She was a long-time member of Union Church and very active in its life. The newpapers erroneously stated that "she was the last of the Garfield family here," for her sister, Mrs. Blanche Garfield Rouse survives her...

We asked Mrs. Edward Welch, the Tyringham teacher for school news. By the way, Mr. and Mrs. Welch are living in an upstairs apartment at the John Heath's for the winter, and we are happy to welcome them to Tyringham. Mrs. Welch says that all the pupils and teacher enjoyed their Christmas vacation, but missed Christine Hale and Walter Palmer when school opened, but hope they both will be back as soon as possible. Christmas posters were made under the direction of Mrs. Darey. Those made by Charles Clark, Donald Davis (chip off the old block), Frank Armstrong and Christine Hale were chosen to be displayed in the store, town hall, library and school. Donald and Gary Davis, hard hit by the flu, are back in school. Richard de Sousa has had perfect spelling for the year. Perfect attendance for the four months: Kenneth Jones, Ben Loring, Dennis Whalen and Nancy Kraszeski.

Mrs. Hazel VanOrman has been appointed as Finance Chairman for Tyringham for the annual drive for funds for the Berkshire Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the Scout Troop and Cub Pack in Tyringham, headed by Lucyan Kraszeski and Donald Davis, respectively. Mrs. VanOrman is being assisted by Mrs. George Hale, Mrs. Larry Cernik, Miss Alice Hale and Miss Joan Hale.

Donald Birkett, Airman 3C, graduated fourth in his class of special training at Lowry

Air Force Base, Colorado. After a short furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett, Don has reported for duty at Westover Field. A dance was held in his honor in the Town Hall on Saturday, January 11, at which Harry Loring fiddled and Cort Heath "guitared." Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr., and Mrs. Michael Winters were the hostesses.

Roger Logan, Civil Defense Director of Tyringham, expects to attend a State Meeting for all Civil Defense Directors to be held in Amherst Saturday, January 25. Mr. Logan and his Radiac Chief, Raymond Smith, were instrumental in bringing Dr. Gunther, Chief of the State C.D. Radiac Division, to Tyringham last month. Directors and Radiac men from other localities were invited to the talk by Dr. Gunther and demonstration by Mr. Smith.

We came across some very interesting facts about Tyringham a while ago and we pass these on to you:

In 1950, the population of Tyringham was 235 -- in the 1955 census it was revealed as 231. Tyringham's land area is 18.77 square miles, with a density of 12 persons per square mile. (Guess we have a lot of room to move around in, and that's good.) The elevation at the Town Hall is 901 feet above sea level.

As for climate, the mean temperature in January is 23.7 and in July is 67.9 and there is an annual precipitation of 43.74 inches.

Tyringham was established, or incorporated, as a town on March 6, 1762. Its type of government, as you all know, is Town Meeting. It belongs to the 1st Massachusetts Congressional District, the 8th Councillor District, the Hampden, Hampshire and Berkshire Senatorial District, and the 6th Berkshire State Representative District.

The State Census of population, reveals that during the years 1945 to 1955, the population of our town increased by 20, or 9.5%. There was an excess of births over deaths of three. During this same period, there was an in-migration of 17 persons.

The 1955 State Census reports also that in January of that year, of the total population of 231 persons, 56.3% were males and 43.7% wer females, but it failed to add that the females, as in 1958, bossed the males. A further breakdown shows that of persons 16 years old and over, 63 were housewives, of which 1.6% were employed, 6 were students and 4 were retired persons.

Perhaps you'd be interested in a further break-down of these 1955 figures (and we don't mean girth measurements):

Number of People in Tyringham

Year:	
1910	382
1920	267
1930	246
1940	213
1945	211
1950	235
1955	231

Age Composition in 1955

	Male	Female	Total
Age under 5	11	4	15
5 - 14	30	19	49
15 - 19	20	3	23
20 - 64	60	59	119
65 and over	9	16	25
Totals:	130	101	231

TYRINGHAM HAS ITS POLITICS, and so we find, according to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, that in the 1956 Presidential election there were 115 voters, and that 75.7% voted Republican and 24.3% voted Democrat. (Out of friendship, the Editor makes no comment.)

NEW DWELLINGS were as follows: In 1946 and 1947, none. In 1948, 1949 and 1950, one each year. In 1951, none. In 1952 and 1953, one each year. In 1954, none. In 1955, one. In 1956, four. These figures are from building permits issued.

AS FOR MUNICIPAL FINANCE, the report says that "citizen interest in better municipal administration is evidenced by the fact that an article in the town's 1957 town meeting warrant calls for a vote on the question of installing equalized assessments. The tax rate is well below the $53.15 which is the average tax rate for towns of under 1000 population. Tyringham is a member of the Central Berkshire Welfare District, thus receiving expert supervision in a specialized field, which otherwise would be beyond the financial resources of the town. The debt was incurred for fire-fighting equipment." (Very necessary, of course, for the safety of the town.)

We'll tell you more about tax rates, assessed valuation, school and other interesting facts in the next issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS.

The Tyringham Players have been a bit inactive during the holidays, but we'd like to commend them here for the grand job they've done in fixing up the stage, its scenery and lights in the Town Hall. And we look forward to the local Barrymores future presentations.

As for news of our Service Men: Richard Loring is in the Army in Missouri; James Loring is now out of the Army and back home; Sid VanOrman, graduating at the top of his class in a special Marine Corps School has been assigned to Quantico; Richard Birkett is over in Japan with the Air Corps; James DuVernois is in the Air Corps in Wyoming; and Gerald Twing, also of the Air Corps, is in Texas; Eddie Twing, with the Army, is over in Germany; Don Birkett, as mentioned earlier, is in the Air Corps at Westover Field.

That about wraps it all up, except to say that the Pastor of Union Church, Mrs. Couch, and her father, Mr. Pierce, sail from New York on the "Mauretania" on Tuesday, Feb. 11, for an 18-day cruise of the Carribean countries - ten in number. We'll try to keep out of the revolutions in Venezuela, Haiti and Cuba. Sunday School will continue as usual, but the church will be closed on February 16 and 23, and March 2 and 9. If the pastor survives the revolutions, he will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, March 16. Sunday, Feb. 9, will be the last Sunday before his vacation.

And, the next issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS will be due out in March!

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

CLOSING THOUGHT: "We often behave as if God were interested in religion, but not in life - in what goes on in church, but not in what goes on in a mill or on a farm or in an office or in a home."

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March 1958
SPRING ISSUE

Dear Folks:-

Naturally the big topic in our news right now is the BIG blizzard of the middle of February, plus the continuing snow. And while the editor was drifting over the warm and calm waters of the Carribean, Tyringham was drifting in a different way. Each day on our cruise bulletins were posted so we knew what you all were going through. We wished we might send some of our 90 degree heat up to you, -- not only those in Tyringham but all of you summer residents as well for you all had it a bit rough -- even those of you in "sunny" Florida. But none of this being news, let's forget it and turn to items to bring us up-to-date with each other.

For those of you who may not have heard the results of the annual Town Meeting in Tyringham, the following are the election results. Walter Stedman was elected Moderator; Miss Alice Hale, Town Clerk; George de Sousa, Town Treasurer; Donald Hale, Tax Collector; Harry Loring, Cemetery Trustee, George de Sousa, Park Commissioner; Mrs. Percy Stanton, School Committee; Mrs. Carl Curtin, Library Trustee; At a business meeting held the previous week, the town adopted its first set of By-Laws and appropriated $46,166.10 to be raised by taxation. Last year, $40,642.12 was raised. The voters appropriated $20,665.34 from available funds. (It was 24 below zero on Election Day.)

Tryingham was interested to read in a recent issue of LOOK an illustrated article about Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Littell and their children, Philip, Peter and "Cookie".

Mrs. Blanche Rouse has given us the following description of Tyringham, taken from an old copy book of her late sister, Miss Lena Garfield:-

> "Tyringham is in a state of Nature. It is bounded on the north by fountains that never fail, great clouds of laurel, hills of rock and the Great Bear; on the south by Willow Glen, Tyringham River and the ghosts of Sister Anne and her fellow Shakers, the ponderous shadows of Fernside Forest and the high horizon line of the Shaker Hills; on the east by the purple dawn and on the west by a hundred summer sunsets."
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> It lies in lights between a golden evening of Friday, seen from the cars that shoot up the valley of the Housatonic, and the pale regret of "city-looking" Monday morning.
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> You approach it through the stirrings and sweet hopes of Springtime and leave it when the trumpets of Autumn echo down

the bannered valley."
(Ed. note:- Author unknown but apparently a summer resident, who at times, commuted week-ends from the city. Do any of you know who wrote the above?)

There is not much church news to relate as the church was closed for four weeks during the vacation of the minister. But we are happy to announce a new member, Miss Rosa Loring, who joined our fellowship on Sunday, January 5th.

A World Wide Day of Prayer scheduled with our Church as host to neighboring churches and choirs, originally scheduled for February 21st was postponed to March 21st on account of the blizzard. As we write this, plans for this event are being completed.

Looking ahead, the church is making plans for Palm Sunday on March 30th, Good Friday evening service with a Communion Service and reception of new members on April 4th and Easter on April 6th.

We are proud to report to you that since our last TOPICS, four more Tyringham boys have joined the Armed Forces of our Country. On February 6th, James Curtin and Everett Fennelly entered the Army and are at Fort Dix and on Marxh 4th, not to be outdone, Willis Fennelly and Charles Loring, Jr. also joined the Army and are at Camp Hood in Texas. Pardon us, FORT Hood.

Tyringham is doing all right for the Country. Not so long ago Peter Curtin and James Loring were honorably discharged from the Army and just recently, Dick Loring. (Dick is back home with a wife so he's still under orders.) And now, including the four recruits above mentioned, Tyringham has ten in the service of their country:- Sgt. George (Sid) VanOrman with the Marines (and his wife, Mickey) at Quantico; A/1c1 Richard Birkett at Dyess AFB in Texas; Pvt. Edwin Twing overseas in Germany; A/3c Donald Birkett at Westover AFB, Massachusetts; A/3c James DuVernois at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana; and A/3c Gerald Twing at Charleston AFB in South Carolina.

We can all be well proud of Tyringham's representation in the Armed Forces of the United States. (Ed. note:- Beware Mr. Khruschev, you'd better be careful!)

We would pause here to pay tribute here and accord due recognition to two individuals who help so much in getting out TYRINGHAM TOPICS -- Miss Agnes Curtin and Mrs. Chester VanOrman. The editor writes the stuff but the hardest work is done by these two. Miss Curtin takes the copy from the editor and types it on to mimeograph stencils with an electric typewriter with nicer type than this issue has. (We'll explain later.) In doing this she corrects the editor's typing error, a task nerve-wracking in itself. The stencils are then run on the mimeograph and Mrs. VanOrman takes them, collates them, binds them and addresses and stamps all those to be mailed out of town. We mimeograph 180 copies, mail about 75. (Ed. note:- Miss Curtin is in the hospital at this time and so this is being cut on stencils by the editor, a one-fingered typist, and on an ordinary typewriter. We hope it comes out OK. We're keeping our typing finger crossed.)

Mrs. Edward Welch, sending us news of Tyringham School, reports as follows:-"We are sorry that in our previous report, Richard Cernik's name was omitted from the list of those having perfect attendance for the first half of the year. (Ed. note:- And then came the measles -- in vacation,too!) Richard Cernik, Gary Davis,Sharon Rowley, Peter Day, Darleen Curtin and Martha Birkett, all of Grade 1, are now back in school after the measles. Reese Palmer is still at home with the measles. Richard de Sousa, the first victim of all, is back as is also John Curtin, both from Grade 2. Robert Choquette and Walter Palmer have returned to Grade 3 and so are Donald Davis

and Kenneth Jones back in Grade 4. Charles (Chucky) Clark, sole victim from Grade 5, has recpvered. Friday, March 14th, was a banner day for us all for Christine Hale shed her cast. We are all happy for Christine and hope she will be back with us soon. Spelling tests for all grades were given recently. Those receiving an "A" for fifty words were Donald Davis, Nancy Kraszeski and Kenneth Jones. Other tests have been postponed on account of poor attendance. To date Dennis Whalen has had perfect attendance. "

Mrs. Chester VanOrman, Finance Chairman of the recent Boy Scout Financial Campaign, extends sincere thanks to all who so generously gave to help make the campaign for this most worthy cause, a success. She likewise thanks those who did the soliciting. The sum of $207. was collected.

And Mrs. Donald Hale and Mrs. Michael Winters, co-Chairmen of the Tyringham Heart Fund Drive, extend sincere thanks to all who contributed and to all who solicited. The sum of $44.50 was received.

We like to listen to Dave Garroway's "TO-DAY" PROGRAM every morning but on the morning of March 11th, we were so anxious to get back to Tyringham after vacation that we turned it off early. And we turned it off at the wrong time. No sooner had we reached Tyringham than we were greeted with these words, "Did you see Mrs. McIntosh on "TODAY" this morning? She was GREAT!" We envy you who saw her and we hope you all did.

Mrs. Percy Stanton, as a result of a fall in her home, is in the Pittsfield General Hospital with a broken pelvis. She is doing very finely and should be back before very long. The doctors say she was most fortunate that it was not her hip as that would have meant a cast and long months of bed.

Miss Beulah Cannon is convalescing at Edgecombe Nursing Home in Lenox and likewise coming along nicely. We sincerely hope and pray that with the return of Spring, that our patients, Miss Cannon, Mrs. Stanton and Miss Curtin will return to Tyringham .

I know we voice the appreciation of Fred Loring's tireless efforts along with those of the other Tyringham men when we say that we are all most grateful for their work during the blizzard and afterwards.

Well, friends, we have two weights we have to watch -- our own personal poundage and the "ounceage" of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, the latter because postage costs so much. So we'll close now with a timely thought with which to leave you --- "The parents of America can strike a telling blow against the forces which contribute to juvenile delinquency if our mothers and fathers will take their children to Sunday School and Church REGULARLY." Know who said that? J. Edgar Hoover -- and he ought to know.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

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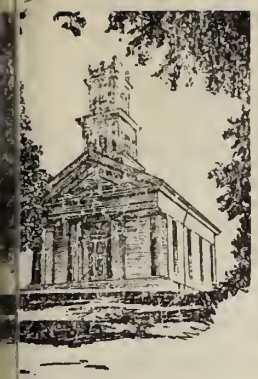
P.S. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, 103 High Street, Pittsfield are the parents of a son, Jeffrey Lynn Smith. (Mrs. Smith was Betty Clark.)

AND SPECIAL NEWS FLASH:- Miss Agnes Curtin, who was operated on this morning, March 21st, is OK. The operation was successful and the patient doing fine. (Ed. note:- Nice work, Ag.)



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June 1958
SUMMER ISSUE

Dear Folks:

This certainly is a late Spring, but it's here for sure now because the Gaisfords and Mrs. Hiscox are back - along with the robins!' Hence, Summer is just around the corner and so, to help it along, we'll call this our Summer Issue. Quoted recently by many, including our President, were these words from the Song of Solomon: "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come and the voice of the tuttle is heard in our land." Well, we have the birds and the flowers are appearing, but we had no turtle to give voice until one day last week we were driving a Volkswagen over Hop Brook bridge when we saw what appeared to be a smaller VW running along beside us. Then, we heard a queer voice calling out to us to stop, and we did. And there, believe it or not (and maybe you won't) was a large turtle. Breathlessly, came these words as it looked up at us: "I'm Myrtle, the Turtle, and I live in Hop Brook. Ain't Spring grand? I happened to find a copy of your last issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS floating on the brook and I read it. Need any help?" "Sure we do, Myrtle," I said. "What can you do?" "Well, I get around quite a bit and I can pick up news for you. And then, too, I've lived a lot longer than anyone in Tyringham -- we turtles have long lives you know. And I have thoughts now and then, philosophical ideas and such. And I'd like to pass them on. They won't hurt anybody's feelings and might help." So right then and there we signed up Myrtle, the Tyringham Turtle, as a writer for TOPICS and you'll hear from her now and then. And, now, folks, we have our flowers, our birds with their singing, and a voice of a turtle -- so why don't all you summer folks come up early this year? We're all set for you!

The Church Supper season started early this year, as the dangerous condition of the chimney requires at least considerable repair work and possibly a new chimney. It is not a tile lined chimney; it needs considerable "pointing," both inside and out in order to prevent danger of a disastrous fire. To raise funds for this purpose, a supper was served on May 14 by the Hop Brook Club with Cobble Club members assisting. As a result, the Chimney Fund is under way with $53. On Tuesday evening, June 10, a Turkey Supper (with all the fixin's) is planned by the Cobble Club with the ladies assisting. (Note: Myrtle, the Turtle, wants it clearly understood that this is a TURKEY supper and NOT a TURTLE supper.) In July, early, so as not to interfere with the Hop Brook Club's regular Rummage Sale, Fair and Supper, comes our Third Annual Strawberry Festival. Sometime in August will be our barbecue, another supper in September, and Harvest Supper - probably in October.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY will be observed in Union Church on June 15. At this time, parents may present their children for baptism.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER activities are building up. Besides the Sunday School use and the use of it for Church Suppers, it is used weekly by the Boy Scout Troop on Tuesday, the Cub Scouts on Mondays, the Valley Club for their monthly meetings and for other special suppers such as that of the Boy Scouts, recently held to raise funds to send boys to Camp Eagle. Other groups meet there from time to time also. A Photography Class of boys has been formed, which meets weekly and, not to be outdone, a class of girls will start shortly. It is planned to hold a Photographic Art Show in late summer with prizes to be awarded the various categories, the requirements being that the taking of the picture, the developing of the film, and the enlarging and mounting of the pictures must be done completely by Club members. (Myrtle, the Turtle, says she will be glad to pose for a portrait.)

Remember the description of Tyringham printed in our last issue? It was taken from the copy book of the late Miss Lena Garfield. We asked if anyone knew the author. Several wrote in to tell us all about it, including Miss Rosamond Gilder, daughter of the author, who was Richard Watson Gilder. She and her sister, Mrs. Palmer, both of whom many of you know, receive TYRINGHAM TOPICS and so, of course, they could clear up the mystery, which should have been no mystery at all to anyone in Tyringham, including the editor. Miss Gilder said, "You will find the description on page 329 of the "Letters of Richard Watson Gilder," edited by me. The book is in the Tyringham Library (which my father promoted from his friend Andrew Carnegie - and, of course, the town of Tyringham.) The letter was addressed to Henry VanDyke and written in the late 1890's. There are other bits and pieces about Tyringham in the book. Tyringham was a place of great joy and refreshment to my father and has been equally so to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, two of whom attend the Tyringham School and some fourteen more spend their summer holidays there. So you see -- we like Tyringham!" (Ed. note:- Thank you, Miss Gilder and you, too, Mrs. Dort, Mrs. Bridgham and others who gave us much interesting information. We got the book to read and we also looked up about R.W.G. to pass it on to all our readers. He was born in 1844, died in 1909. He was the first New Yorker to buy a farm in the valley. He was an editor and poet, and, among many other achievements of note, he was an editor of Scribner's Monthly, which later became The Century Magazine, of which he was Editor-in-chief. He was a prominent member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters. He wrote various volumes of poems; edited "Sonnets From the Portugese" and other poems by Elizabeth Barrett Browning; "One Word More" and other poems by Robert Browning. He first came to Tyringham in 1893 and lived in the house now occupied by Miss Gilder, Mrs. Palmer and the Bridghams, where, at one time, he entertained Grover Cleveland as his guest. Grover, you know, often fished in Hop Brook.

The Tyringham Tax Rate this year is up $2.00 from 1957, which makes it $45.00 it has been announced by Charles F. Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. The causes of the tax increase are due to an increase in the county tax and a decrease in income from the State.

And, speaking of Charlie Johnson, who is also Chairman of our School Committee and past President of the State Association of School Committees, he recently went as delegate from this State to the National School Boards Association Annual Convention in Miami, Florida, in April.

THE TYRINGHAM GALLERIES have opened and are in full operation with artists exhibiting their paintings. Don Davis announces that several one-man shows are scheduled for the season. This will be the fifth season for Tyringham Galleries.

It won't be long now before Tyringham School will close for Summer vacation. Mrs. Welch, the teacher, desires here to express the thanks of the school to Mrs. Jones for her kind and willing assistance this past year. She has greatly helped both teacher and pupils. The school was sorry to lose Benny and Joseph Loring. (The Charles Loring family moved early in May to Sandisfield, and we, too, were sorry to see them go.) Dennis Whalen has had perfect attendance for the year now closing, which is a real record with so much sickness occurring, and the attendance record has improved with the Spring weather. In closing her news notes, Mrs. Welch desires to thank all who have cooperated so fully in making the year another pleasant and gratifying one and she wishes for all a wonderful and happy summer. "Adios" to all, she says.

Robert DuVernois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert DuVernois, a 1957 graduate of Williams High School in Stockbridge, recently won the first-place plaque in the efficient milk production contest. Since he was voted a $100 award last Fall by the Future Farmers of America Directors, he did not receive the $30 cash prize. (Nice work, Bob.)

Richard Fennelly, who has spent the past winter in California, has returned to Tyringham and is residing with his son, Tommy, at the Henning Carlson's.

A daughter, Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Day on April 4.

Also of interest to Tyringham folks is the birth of a daughter, Deborah Anne to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Douglas McCarthy at Sculthrope, England, where Douglas is on duty with the Air Force as a weather observer. The young lady is a grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. McCarthy, formerly of Tyringham and a great-grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Stanton of Tyringham and Mrs. Marie Moore, a former teacher in Tyringham School. Deborah was born March 16.

Mrs. Richard Birkett, correspondent of the paper we all read, THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE, has expressed the wish that Tyringhamites would give her interesting news items as they come up. As she is a "correspondent" for the EAGLE news should be sent to her. She is not a "reporter" who chases here and there by auto or roller skates or other means of conveyance to get the news. There has been apparently a misunderstanding as to Mrs. Birkett's status and we are happy to do our part to clear it up.

Pvts. Everett Fennelly and James Curtin of Uncle Sam's Army were home on furlough recently. They have now returned to duty and are stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the Army's huge Artillery training post. Pvts. Willis Fennelly and Charles Loring, also of the Army, have just completed short furloughs and have returned to duty at Fort Hood, Texas, where they are in the Tank Corps. And we are informed that Walter Howard, son of Mrs. Sidney Howard, is in the Army and stationed at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

It seems as though the whole town, plus quite a few from other towns came to the Memorial Day parade and services on the 28th. The colors, borrowed from the Lee American Legion Post, were carried by George deSousa and Charles Armstrong. The color guards were Joseph Whalen, Peter Curtin and Lucyan Kraszeski. The very splendid Lee High School Band furnished the music under the direction of Charles DeNunzio, who deserves a great deal of credit for the way he has trained the youngsters. Rev. Arthur Simmons of Monterey gave the Memorial Day address, commencing with the fine history of the town and paying tribute to the school children who gave a very exceptional patriotic program. An orchid to Mrs. Welch for planning and preparing such a fine program.

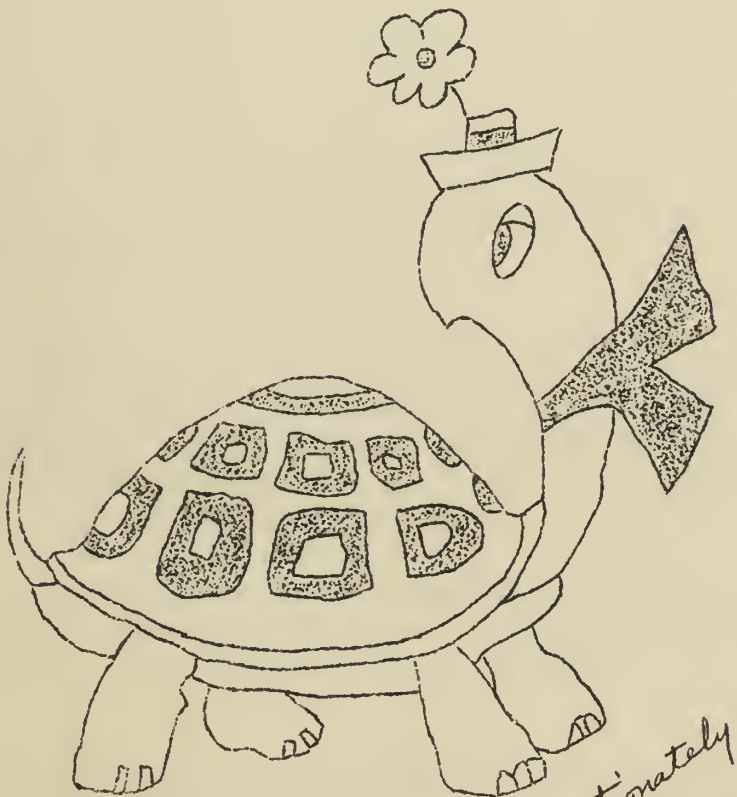
Peter Curtin has taken over the Tyringham Colonels, our baseball team, backed by the Community Center. Peter was a player himself before he went in the Army, where he also played ball both here in this country and in Germany. The team includes the young of various ages and games are being sought at home and out of town. It will be welcome to see the diamond in use again this summer. If any of you know where Peter can get games, please contact him.

Mrs. Percy Stanton, after her fall in her kitchen, has progressively graduated from hospital bed to home to wheel-chair to crutches to cane and now is on her own two feet but treading gingerly. Miss Beulah Canon has left Edgecombe Nursing Home in Lenox and has gone to Stockbridge to live with a Miss Beckwith, a registered nurse. Beulah is closing her home in Tyringham, but will frequently come back to check up on us all, we are happy to say. Mrs. Maude Lyman at Renzi's Nursing Home in Pittsfield has been quite ill with a virus condition and is still confined to her bed. And our other good Tyringham friend now residing in Pittsfield, Miss Leda Parker, is just fine and as active as ever.

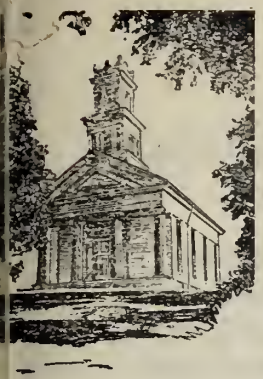
And now, we give you this closing thought -- "He who loses money, loses much; he who loses a friend loses more, but he who loses FAITH loses all."

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.



Affectionately Yours,
Myrtle



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October 1958
FALL ISSUE

Dear Folks:

Today (October 13) the first snow came to the Berkshires. And Myrtle, the Turtle, was going around and telling everyone to put on their red flannels. She's such a thoughtful old gal.

This news-letter will contain some items most of you know, but we want to bring you all up to date.

To begin with, the Church has its new chimney, built by Arnold Hale at cost and no profit to him, which we all appreciate. Now we can breathe easier. In taking down the old, dangerous chimney, all that had to be done was to lift the bricks off -- the mortar had all crumbled. The series of monthly suppers were a great success and paid for the chimney with a goodly sum left over to go into the painting fund. The ouside of the Church needs painting very badly and so we are starting another series of suppers to be held irregularly, due to Winter, to raise funds for painting the exterior, starting next Spring. It does seem as though there is always something, but we are so blessed with such a beautiful little church that we must take care of it. What would Tyringham be without her Church?

Lord and Lady Slater have given the Church funds to erect a colonial bulletin board on the lawn in front of the Church in memory of Lady Salter's sister, Marchesa Louise de Rosales who died suddenly in her sleep last August while visiting a friend in Garmisch, Bavaria. And, Mrs. R. Hawley Truax and Mr. John S. Rudd have given the Church two colonial side fixtures in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Rudd. The kindness and thoughtfulness of these friends is greatly appreciated by our Church.

Mrs. Barbara Crane Monaghan, cousin of the Minister, living in Canada, showed beautiful slides and gave a talk on her visits to several missionary stations in Africa. The offering taken at this lecture was given to the Missionary Fund.

BIRTHS:
June 2, 1958 - Nena Frances Stracuzzi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stracuzzi.
June 7, 1958 - David Michael Rowley, son of Mr. & Mrs. Warren Rowley.
July 23, 1958- June Janice Stedman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Stedman.
Sept. 11, 1958- Deborah Lynn Loring, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loring.

BAPTISMS:

(June 15) - Peter Conrad Day, son of Norman and Ruth Kraeling Day.
Cynthia Lynn Soules, daughter of Norman and Patricia Curtin Soules.
Richard Earl Butler, son of Carl and Diane Birkett Butler.

Ed. Note: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon VanOrman brought their baby daughter, Brenda Sue, up front with the other children in order that the pastor might offer thanks to God for sparing her life last October. Less than a week old and near death, the Pastor baptized her in the Pittsfield General Hospital.

JOINED THE CHURCH:

By Confession of Faith, John Neil Curtin and Helen Hathaway Curtin. By letter from the First Congregational Church of Great Barrington, Janice Storey Stedman.

DEATH:

Mrs. Eva Davis, a member of Union Church, and mother of our fellow-member, Donald Davis of Tyringham Galleries, died September 15 in the hospital in New Rochelle, N.Y. Her funeral was in Union Church with the minister officiating and burial was in Tyringham Cemetery.

Marchesa Louise de Rosales, sister of Lady Salter as mentioned, was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John S. Bagg of Springfield, Mass. She latterly had lived in London to be near her sister and brother-in-law, Lord Salter. She was known to quite a number here in Tyringham where she had visited several summers. Marchesa de Rosales was very active in World War I in Italy, distributing supplies to the needy and in World War II all through the blitz, she worked for the Red Cross. She was visiting a friend in Garmisbh, Bavaria, when she died.

Due to the initiative of Mrs. John Curtin, a large number of Tyringham boys and girls were given swimming courses by the Red Cross at Laurel Lake in Lee. As a result, the following received certificates and pins as Beginners: Jon Krasceski, Thomas Fennelly, Peggy Reber, Ginny Miller, Amasa Miller, Donna Heath, Dennis Whalen and Rosa Loring. James Burdick, Arthur Dyer, Beverly Dyer and Judy Miller received Intermediate certificates and pins. The course was for six weeks.

Dr. Gulielma Fell Alsop of New York and Tyringham, was given an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters last June by the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, from which she graduated fifty years ago. Dr. Alsop wrote the history of the college for its centennial in 1950. Her sisters, Mary O'Hara Alsop and Elizabeth Alsop Shepard attended the commencement ceremony at which Dr. Alsop received her degree.

Mrs. Percy Stanton, now pretty well recovered from her fall and injuries, thanks all who were so kind and thoughtful to her during her disability.

A picture of our good Deacon, Arnold Hale, taken in 1912, appeared in the EAGLE last summer. Six very large potatoes that he had raised were beside him. The potatoes won him a trip to Amherst to stay at the Agricultural College. The item went on to say that he was the first boy to participate in a program that a year or so later became known as 4-H.

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Charles E. Slater has purchased Langdon's General Store in Monterey, one of the oldest in the County. It was established in 1780 by a Captain John Langdon.

Community Center activities this summer consisted of some baseball, three classes in photography, a trip to Bennington by two of the photography classes accompanied by General Reber and "Cap." The Senior Fotogoats -- John Canon, Henning Carlson, Jon Kraszeski, and James Burdick -- also visited New York and saw the United Nations, the Empire State, building roof, and Radio Center.

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of General Miles Reber, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Darey, -Karen Winters, Mary Ann Burdick, Donna Heath and Susan Cabral saw the Army trounce Penn State at West Point. A boy's trip is planned for Saturday, Nov. 1, when the Army is scheduled to smear Colgate.

Peter Lee Curtin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham, was married to Deanna S. Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Williamson of Stockbridge, October 3 in the parsonage of the Stockbridge Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Curtin are presently residing in an apartment in the John Heath residence.

Charles F. Johnson, Chairman of Tyringham's School Committee, and Past President of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, was appointed by the National Education Association to an investigating committee to study a school problem in West Haven, Conn.

The Valley Club recently met at the home of Mrs. Larry Cernik and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mary Hale; Vice-President, Agnes Curtin; Secretary, Helen Curtin, and Treasurer, Ann Davis.

Tyringham's two graduates from Lee High School last June were Joan Hale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hale and Dudley VanOrman, son of Mrs. Hazel VanOrman. Joan is attending the Mary Fletcher School of X-Ray Technique in Burlington. Dud has enlisted in the Air Corps and is awaiting orders to report for duty.

We keep forgetting to tell all you Summer residents, in case you don't know it, that Tyringham is the only town of that name in all the world. That's something to boast about. There is a small hamlet of a couple of houses or so, similar to Coltsville, next to Pittsfield, but no Post Office and no designation as a town or village. (Ed. note: To confirm this, we did some research in atlases and other references. It's true.)

Anyone having any unwanted toys or small chairs for children can help greatly by bringing them to Mrs. Norman Day, as a nursery school is starting at her home on Tuesday, Oct. 21, to hold sessions from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Miss Beaulah Cannon recently received congratulations on all sides on her birthday on October 5. Much to her surprise,the news got around that she was having "Open House."

Kenny Winters is the sole Tyringham representative on Lee High School's football team this Fall, but is carrying on just fine for us. He plays tackle.

Since our last issue in June, Everett Fennelly has gone to Korea with the Army to try and straighten things out over there, and Jimmy DuVernois has taken off for Greenland, and Jimmy

Curtin and Tunk Loring for Germany to help Eddie Twing run things over there. The most recent one to go is Bill Fennelly and he, too, has gone to Germany. Seems as though with so many Tyringham boys around the world in strategic spots, Kruschev and Mao might as well give up and let the World have Peace.

Walter Howard is back from a tour of duty and Dick Birkett, after two years in the Orient, is back in this country. George Gilder is in the Marines at Parris Island, getting ready to do his bit along with the other Tyringham boys in straightening out this old world. Somebody's got to do it, that's for sure.

As of now, Tyringham has eleven boys in service. The others not mentioned above are Gerald Twing, Donny Birkett, and last, but not least, as he has been in the longest -- Sid VanOrman. Quite a record for a small town.

THOUGHT IN CLOSING: "In the homes of America are born the children of America; and from them go out into American life, American men and women. They go out with the stamp of these homes upon them; and only as these homes are what they should be, will the children be what they should be."

So long, folks, and MABUHAY!

F.L.C.

LATE NEWS FLASH

As we go to "mimeo", word comes that a daughter weighing over nine pounds has been born to Mr. and Mrs. George deSousa. Our congratulations and best wishes.

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Winter Issue

Dear Folks:-

Hope you all had a most enjoyable and happy holiday season and that 1959 will be a great year for you.

To begin with, for the sake of the record -- two corrections in regard to our October issue: Donald Hale, not Arnold, built the new chimney. And it is Lord and Lady Salter, not Slater, who gave us funds to erect a new Church Bulletin Board on the lawn. It was just about Hallowee'n time, so we'll lay it to the hobgoblins!

Two services were held in our Church on Christmas Sunday -- the regular morning service at 11:00 and a Candle Light and Carol Service in the evening. The Church was appropriately decorated by Deacon Logan and the Choir.

At both services, on a table off to one side, twelve red Christmas candles burned. In front of them lay an open Bible. Behind them was the flag of our country. We were burning these candles as a tribute to all our Tyringham boys in the Armed Forces to let them know we were thinking of them and that we missed them. (And we sure do!) It has been suggested that this be done each Sunday throughout the year, with white candles being substituted.

We must congratulate Mrs. Welch and all the children of Tyringham's School for the very superb Christmas entertainment and tree which was held, as usual, in the Town Hall. This celebration is always one of the highlights of the year and Tyringham itself is to be congratulated for being fortunate in having such a splendid and devoted teacher for its young. Santa Claus was on hand as usual, but looked as though he'd been taking a few of these modern reducing pills. Myrtle, the Turtle, looking over our shoulder as we write, suggests that she knows some men in town that could use some to advantage. But the pills seemed to give Santa a lot of pep and he did a great job.

At the Annual Meeting of the Valley Club, the following officers were elected:- President, Mrs. Donald Hale; Vice-President, Miss Agnes Curtin; Secretary, Mrs. Neil Curtin; Treasurer, Mrs. Donald Davis. The Club recently put on a Food Sale in Lee to raise funds towards the fuel bill for the Community Center's share. A net profit of about $54 was realized.

The Valley Club sponsored the Hallowe'en TRICK OR TREAT Night observance, which brought in $21 to send to the United Nations for UNICEF.

BIRTHS:- Holly Ann VanOrman, born Nov. 30, 1958, to Sergeant and Mrs. George Sidney VanOrman, Green Valley Trailer Park, Woodbridge, Virginia. Sgt. VanOrman is stationed at Camp LeJeune nearby with the Marines. The little lady is a granddaughter of Mrs. Chester VanOrman and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Zacarria of Lee.

And we have received news of the birth of a son, Mark Robert Carlson, on Nov. 6, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson. The young man is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carlson, formerly of Tyringham.

BAPTISMS:- On Sunday, October 14, Deborah Lynn Loring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Loring; June Janice Stedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stedman; and Jeffrey Lynn Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith were baptized in Union Church.

MOVINGS:- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loring and family, who formerly lived in Tyringham, have purchased a home in Otis and moved into it for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong have placed their house for sale and have moved to East Lee.

The Minister and Mrs. Couch take this opportunity to thank everyone far and near who sent them such a flood of Christmas greetings. Cards like these helped so much to make it a happy Christmas, indeed.

On Friday, January 16, Mr. Reuben Pierce, Mrs. Franklin L. Couch and her humble husband will sail from New York around 5:00 P.M. on the Moore-McCormack cruise ship, the ARGENTINA, for a 31 day cruise, stopping at Barbados, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Trinidad. Due to arrive back in New York on February 17. During the absence of the Minister, the Church Committee, as in the past, voted to suspend services until Sunday, February 22, when the rejuvenated, refurbished and reoriented pastor will be back in the pulpit. (Ed.note:- Said pastor will not be able this year to send postcards to every boy and girl and others in Tyringham, he regrets to say. Fewer ports of call, much higher postal rates and the high cost of ink and writer's cramps --- all these influence this decision. BUT, greetings to you all and a report of progress and behavior will, with Carl's assistance, be posted in Curtin's store.

All our boys in the Armed Forces are doing very well and getting promoted. We can't keep up with all the changes in rank, so we won't mention any until they make general. Dud VanOrman, since our last issue, has gone into the Air Corps and is at Lackland AFB, Texas. Richard Birkett is probably in Alaska as you read this. George Gilder has completed his service in the Marines and is back home. Eddie Twing is due to come home soon, followed by several others later in the year.

So long, folks and MABUHAY!

F. L. C.

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March, 1959
SPRING ISSUE

Dear Folks:-

Here we are again and here, also, (WE HOPE) is Spring. At least, it's in the air and Myrtle, the Turtle, says she feels in her shell that it's close at hand. (We don't want to rub it in, but while all that bitter cold and ice was being experienced in the Berkshires and the north, it was 105 in South America!

We don't like to start with a problem, but we have one for sure. The high winds of the winter caused our steeple to tilt like the Tower of Pisa. Roger Logan spotted it and went up with Norman Day to investigate. They found that parts of the framework and supporting structure have become rotten and consequently weak. We have no choice but to have it repaired at once. A solid structure inside must be built to carry it through until Spring. This will run about $500. Then in the Spring the outside will have to be repaired and the steeple painted. We shall have to forego the painting of the entire church, but we shall have to paint the front. We shall have to abandon our plan for painting all the outside of the church this year. The steeple must take priority. Already the Cobble Club is talking of starting its series of suppers in April instead of in June and is planning a big Clam Bake sometime in the Summer when it will not interfere with the Hop Brook Club's Annual Fair or the Fireman's Annual Block Dance. (Miss Beulah Cannon, hearing of the steeple emergency sent in her contribution -- the first to be received. This pleased Myrtle, the Turtle, so much that she nominated Miss Cannon to be the Mascot of the Steeple People. The first organization to come through was the Hop Brook Club, ever-faithful, which gave $100, thus swelling the ranks of the Steeple People.

The officers and committees for 1959 of Union Church were elected or appointed as follows: - Moderator, Arnold Hale; Deacon (3 yrs), Kenneth Jones; Deaconess (3 yrs.), Reba Babb; Clerk, Mrs. Francis Darey; Treasurer, William Dyer (appointed by the Church Committee upon resignation of Mrs. Roger Logan who had been elected at Annual Meeting); Auditor, Mrs. Jessie Hale; Trustee, Mrs. Charles Slater (3 yrs.), and Mrs. Percy Stanton (appointed by the Church Committee to finish out term of Mr. Dyer, who resigned when he was appointed Treasurer); Members-at-large of Church Committee, Mrs. Robert DuVernois and Mr. Norman Day; Finance Committee, Mrs. Larry Cernik, Chm., Mrs. Neil Curtin, and Mrs. Irma Clark; Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Willis Hale; Asst. Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Wilbur Clark; Missionary Committee, Mrs. Richard Birkett, Mrs. Hazel VanOrman; Flower Committee, Roger Logan, Miss Carolyn Canon, Mrs. Donald Hale; Religious Education, Mrs. Willis Hale and Mrs. Wilbur Clark; Music Committee, William Dyer, Chm., Miss Alice Hale, Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski; Social Action, Mrs. Robert DuVernois, Chm., and Mrs. Arnold Hale. At their first meeting, the Church Committee elected Norman Day as its Chairman.

Fuel Oil is quite an expense in Berkshire winters and to prevent the water pipes from freezing and to heat the Community Center for special uses during the week and for Sunday School on Sunday costs considerable. The Church is, therefore, very grateful to the Valley Club, another loyal community organization, for its assistance in providing heat last year by contributing $150.

The Church announces the gift of a wooden candelabra made by Donald Hale to hold the honor candles of Tyringham's men away in the Armed Forces.

Any young people in Tyringham who might be interested in joining a Pilgrim Fellowship are invited to attend the "PF" group in the Lee Congregational Church. Transportation will be provided to and from meetings. Junior Pilgrim Fellowship for boys and girls in the 7th and 8th grades meets Sundays at 5:30 P.M. The Senior Group of High School Students meets at 6:30 P.M. Any desiring to attend may call Mr. Dyer or notify the pastor in Tyringham.

The Hop Brook Community Club has elected the following officers for 1959:- Mrs. Robert DuVernois, President; Mrs. Richard Birkett, Vice President; Mrs. Jessie Hale, Secretary; Mrs. Grace Slater, Treasurer.

PALM SUNDAY will be observed with appropriate music and service on Sunday, March 22. On Maundy Thursday evening, March 26, new members will be received into the Church and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. Services will start at 7:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE will be held at 11:00 A.M. on March 29.

BIRTHS:- Anthony George Walter Palmer, born on December 4, 1958 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter DeKay Palmer of 24 Gramercy Park, New York and Four Brooks Farm in Tyringham. Tyringham welcomes the new summer resident.

Frank Richard Pappenheimer, born to Dr. and Mrs. John Pappenheimer of Fayerweather St., Cambridge, and Tyringham. The young man was born in January, and Tyringham welcomes him also as a new summer resident.

IN THE ARMED FORCES:- A/2C Donald Birkett left this country for duty in England on March 10th.

A/1C Richard Birkett is at Eielson Air Force Base, near Fairbanks, Alaska, for three months temporary duty, arriving there on the day Alaska was formally declared a state by President Eisenhower.

PFC James Curtin recently sent to his family a tape recorded "letter" which was eagerly listened to by his family (and family to be!)

A/2C James DuVernois is hobnobbing with the eskimos and seals up in rugged Iceland with its long winter's night.

Cpl. Everett Fennelly writes that the weather is quite spring-like in Korea. He has a camera -- so has Jimmy Curtin -- and both are planning with the Editor to put on a slide show of Germany and Korea when they get back. (If any of our other overseas boys have cameras, let's get together when you get back, too.)

PFC Willis Fennelly writes he has bought a new camera, too, and has some excellent color slides. At the time his letter was written, he was hoping to see Jimmy Curtin and Charles (Tuhk) Loring. (Hope he did.) He is quite taken up with Germany and the beauty of the country.

PFC Loring, aforementioned, we have hot heard from directly, but hear he is OK.

A/2C Gerald Twing, at this writing, is home on furlough for three weeks, to welcome home his brother, SP4 Edwin Twing who has just recently returned from Germany and been discharged.

A/3C Dudley VanOrman "way daown in Taxus" is going to Air Force School. Dud's bigger brother, Sid, is still in Woodbridge, Virginia, with his wife, "Mickey" and his daughter, Holly. Sid is an instructor in the Marines.

Tyringham welcomes home two of its service men, SP4 Edwin Twing, U.S. Army and Pvt. George Gilder, a reservist in the Marines.

Charles Johnson, Chairman of Tyringham's School Committee, recently attended the National Convention of Assn. of School Boards in San Francisco as an alternate delegate from Massachusetts.

Quite a number of our people were stricken with the "virus" as it is conveniently called, even by doctors, but that seems to have been the case everywhere. Mrs. Arthur Gilmore, who was operated upon last Fall, is doing very well and goes out shopping and is regaining her strength slowly, but surely. Mrs. Blanche Rouse, sustained a fall in her home early in February and is able to sit up in a chair and occasionally, with help, gets around on her feet.

About that South American Trip we took -- Briefly, it was a great experience. We sent some cards, but no where near as many as usual, but about 50% of those we did send never arrived. It seems that the postal clerks in some South American countries remove the stamps before cancellation and sell them, throwing the cards away. At least, that is what the library steward on the ship told us, but we took a chance. Took about 200 color slides and the same number of black and white. Temperature up to 105 and beautiful flowers and green foliage everywhere. And Father Neptune, at the equator, sent his greetings to all readers of TYRINGHAM TOPICS and invited you to come down and see him sometime.

Through the initiative of Mrs. John Curtin, a class in Red Cross First Aid is meeting weekly in the Community Center. About twenty have enrolled, we are told,- a great credit to Tyringham.

Myrtle, the Turtle, was all excited at the beginning of last week and its warm weather, (March 9th). She was planning to wear an ornate, flowery plastic shell over her own, in the Easter Parade, but alas and alack, we haven't seen Myrtle since last Wednesday. A blizzard hit the Berkshires on Thursday, along with the rest of New England, and buried Tyringham and Myrtle under a blanket of snow from 10 to 14 inches deep. Volkswagens with periscopes were about the only cars able to navigate.

So long, folks --- and MABUHAY,

F.L.C.

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SUMMER ISSUE

Dear Folks:

Welcome back to all our Summer residents and visitors -- those who are already here and those who soon will be back with us. We thought we'd be welcoming Summer back, too, but today (June 15) the thermometer is hovering around 42 and the sky is bleak. And Myrtle, the Turtle, has buried herself in the mud of Hop Brook to keep warm.

We recently came across two news items concerning Tyringham. Thought you'd be interested, so here they are:- "TYRINGHAM VALLEY TRIP VISITS HISTORICAL SPOTS - It's the hills that give the Berkshires their fame, but there is just as much beauty in the valleys.

The unspoiled Tyringham Valley in South Berkshire, just a few miles from the Lee exit of the Massachusetts Turnpike, makes a short but beautiful side trip for a family tour of the Berkshires. Tyringham is enclosed on three sides by mountains. The rolling valley not only inspired the praise of many poets and writers but it was also the home of many great artists.

Playwright Sidney Howard and author Mark Twain had summer homes in the valley, as did naturalist John Burroughs, and sculptors Augustus Saint-Gaudens and Henry Hudson Kitson. Many of the artistic greats were attracted here by the writings of another former Tyringham resident -- Richard Watson Gilder, poet, writer and long-time editor of Scribner's.

Sir Henry Hudson Kitson whose works include the Minute Man at Lexington and the Puritan Maiden at Plymouth, built a studio at Tyringham five decades ago. The building, now a contemporary art gallery, still stands and is still known as the "Gingerbread House." A contoured thatched roof jutting out over recessed windows gives the appearance of a witch's face. It is a favorite shot for amateur and professional photographers.

Tyringham for more than 100 years (1792 - 1894) was the site of a large Shaker settlement. Many of the Shaker homes, some remodeled, can still be seen in the southwest section of the country town.

The Tyringham Shaker colony was called Fernside and members of the now disappearing sect had their local "shaking ground" where they shook off their sins at the "devil's grave."

The "TRIB" gave us quite a write-up, as you see. About the same time THE BOSTON GLOBE MAGAZINE supplement printed a picture of Union Church framed by two gravestones up in the cemetery. Then it went on to say - "Robb dePeyster Titus 3d built a pillared, ornate pseudo-mansion in the quiet Tyringham valley where not even the birds speak above a whisper.

This (Tyringham) was the summer haunt of Mark Twain and John Burroughs, the naturalist, walked here. Amid the populating Berkshires, Tyringham has remained small, a minor para-

dise that few visitors ever get around to."

Thus did our Tyringham make New York and Boston papers in the early Spring -- even before the whispering birds arrived.

Three births we are happy to announce:

ROBERT BARRIE LUCHARS III, son of Robert Barrie and Margaret Olds Luchars of New York and Tyringham, arrived in New York November 13, 1958.

PETER LEE CURTIN, JR., son of Peter Lee and Deanna Williamson Curtin of Stockbridge, was born April 1, 1959 in Pittsfield. His father was a Tyringham boy so we feel we have a partial claim to Pete Junior.

ROBERT WILLIAM CLARK, son of Robert Kent and Patricia Carty Clark, arrived April 24, 1959 in Pittsfield.

Tyringham welcomes all three illustrious young men.

Eddie Twing, Jr., is a man of action. Returning to his home early in March from a tour of duty with the Army in Germany, he was married in Union Church by its pastor on Saturday, March 28, to Betty June Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Williams of South Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Twing are now living in Glendale.

Union Church received into its membership on Maundy Thursday, March 26, 1959, five new members:- Patricia Ann Carty Clark, Beverly Ann Dyer, Donna Louise Heath, Dorothy Crandall Loring, Richard Oliver Loring and Karen Marie Winters.

Our Church steeple has now been straightened and strengthened at a cost of almost $1600. Thanks to many good "steeple people" who responded generously plus the proceeds from church suppers and organizational gifts, all but $300 of the cost has been paid off. BUT -- and it is a large "but" -- we still MUST paint the steeple two coats and to match it all, the front of the church. In addition, the furnace - not intended to burn oil - has a crack in it and will either have to be repaired, if this is possible, or a new one purchased. The Church Committee is to have an expert look it over. Problems? - Sure, we all have them. But so long as we know in Whose Hands to place them, we'll come through all right, eventually.

We started a bit earlier this year with our Cobble Club series of Suppers. A Spaghetti and Meat Ball Supper in Spril under the guidance of Mrs. Donald Davis, and A Smorgasbord Supper in May have brought in together over a hundred dollars. And the biggest of all -- The Annual Strawberry Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30. The first sitting is at 5:30, the second, at 7:00. We hope to have it on the lawn.

Wedding Anniversaries have been in vogue this year. On the 5th of April, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hale observed their 35th at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hale, with their daughter, Miss Allice Hale, as co-hostess. At the same time, Mrs. Jessie Hale, mother of Arnold, received best wishes on her 84th birthday.

Then, on May 31, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Stanton celebrated their Golden Wedding at their home with their daughters, Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham and Mrs. Charles McCarthy of Glens Falls, N.Y. as hostesses.

Both anniversaries were attended by hosts of friends from all over the Berkshires.

In the Fall of 1926, John Heath took over the task of driving the children of Tyringham to school in Lee. Every year, with the exception of one, he has continued faithfully and carefully to carry many a boy and girl in all sorts of weather to pursue their education through High School. Starting with only four or five, he has carried as many as 38 some years. He

transported them in Reo side-seaters, station wagons, buses, passenger cars -- even horse and wagon. Throughout the years, he has rarely missed a trip due to sickness.

The boys and girls he carried back in his earlier days are grown up and married and John has carried their children by now. He had to put up with many mischievous pranks, sometimes he has had to keep some of the pranksters off the bus for a week or so. He has stopped fights. He has shown throughout all the years a patience that many another man could not display.

Now, this month, he is through -- retiring. And though the writer never rode on John's bus, we feel nevertheless that if all those who did, stop and think a bit, they will really see in their more mature years what a grand guy John Heath has always been -- what a patient humble public servant he has been and what a sincere love for children he must possess to stick to a job like that for 33 years. We think that he deserves a bit of thanks on every hand, from both children of old and the children of today and from parents. We all wish him happiness and pleasure in his retirement. (He will still carry the mail.) The Schod Committee of Tyringham wrote him a letter of appreciation.)

Neil Curtin will succeed him and in Neil, John has a worthy successor. A good driver, a man of excellent habits, and a father himself, Neil will do a good job, too.

Donald Davis' "Tyringham Art Galleries" opened on the Memorial Day Weekend for an interesting and well-planned season. All Tyringham residents are admitted to the Galleries free of charge.

Norman Day, recently with the architectural firm of Prentice Bradley of Pittsfield has opened his own business office in his remodeled 169 year old home in Tyringham. He is registered as an architect in Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Connecticut and during his career he has worked for some of the best known architects in the country. He is a graduate of the Yale School of Fine Arts and holds the degree of Bachelor of Architecture. Previously, during World War II he served as an ensign in the U.S. Navy in the Philippines, and graduated from Yale College in 1946. He is Chairman of the Church Committee, both he and his wife being members of our Church. They have four children.

Tyringham School's Memorial Day services were held on May 28th. A parade, led by the very excellent Lee High School Band, marched from the Circle by the Library to the cemetery where the children sang and recited and Rev. John Gaskill of the Lee Congregational Church gave the address. These services of our school children, under the devoted leadership of their teacher, Mrs. Welch, are truly a great inspiration to all who attend and a very fine example that the higher grammar grades and High Schools might well follow. Something must be lacking or wrong somewhere when older boys and girls, really taught love of country and patriotism in a school such as Tyringham's, seem to forget the respect due to the men who died for their country on the battlefields -- forget what the parade and the ceremonies mean and play baseball while they are going on.

The Hop Brook Annual Fair and Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5. We do not know just when the Annual Block Dance of the Tyringham Fire Department is to be held but they are trying to set a date early in August, also.

Fourteen Tyringham people have completed a Red Cross First Aid course, arranged by Mrs. John Curtin, Local Chairman of the Red Cross, and have received certificates. Their names follow: - Mrs. Larry Cernik, Mrs. Norman Day, Mrs. Harvey Choquette, Mrs. John Curtin, Mrs. Donald Davis, Mrs. Robert DuVernois, Miss Beverly Dyer, Miss Allice Hale, Mrs. Willis Hale, Mrs. George Hale, Mrs. Donald Hale, Mrs. Gordon VanOrman, Mrs. Michael Winters and Roger Logan, Tyringham's Civil Defense Director.

The Valley Club, whose original objective was to help the Youth Center, plans to reorganize with a larger objective in view to include outdoor activities and civic improvements. A very active group, the revamped Club can do much to benefit Tyringham in general. The Club will hold its annual picnic on July 1 at the Goose Pond cottage of the President, Mrs. Donald Hale. Those desiring transportation should call Mary Hale, Betty Cernik, Ruth Day or Ann Davis.

We wish the Valley Club all success with its broadened field and are grateful for all it has done in the past.

Carl Curtin, Jr., son of Carl and Mary Curtin, graduated from Paul Smith Junior College where he took a course in Forestry for the past two years.

And Lee High School graduates the following from Tyringham on June 23: Dierdre Curtin, Eugene Curtin, Ronald Loring and Kenneth Winters. Best wishes to them all and to Carl Curtin, Jr.

Miss Rosamond Gilder, summer resident of Tyringham and Director of the U.S.Center of the International Theatre Institute, headed a U.S. delegation of nine to the Eighth Theatre Congress held recently in Finland. She represented the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Miss Gilder, daughter of the late editor and poet, Richard Watson Gilder of Tyringham, was editor and theatre critic of "Theatre Arts Magazine" for about 20 years up to 1948 when she was appointed by the State Dept. as U. S. delegate to the International Theatre Institute.

Tyringham's alert Civil Defense Director, Roger Logan, along with Mrs. Percy Stanton and Mrs. Richard Birkett, members of the School Committee, and parents of children in Tyringham School met recently and arranged a plan for evacuating the children in case of approaching disaster of any sort. The teacher, Mrs. Emily Welch will direct the evacuation of the children and the drivers scheduled to pick them up and take them to their homes.

A belated welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ford and daughter, Josie, who have come to live in Tyringham on "Depping Boulevard."

Myrtle, the Turtle's,worries about the whereabouts of Tyringham's Mrs. Louise Hiscox, usually the first of the summer residents to arrive, are at an end. Myrtle found out that Mrs. Hiscox was at the 55th reunion of her class at Smith College and has, at long last, arrived.

We have not heard a great deal of news about our boys in the Armed Forces. All seem to be well and doing OK. Jim Curtin writes that he has been in Paris, quite an event in anybody's life, so it is worth mentioning. Corporal Everett Fennelly will be back from Korea this summer. So will A/2c Jimmy DuVernois from Iceland and eskimos. And Dud Van Orman will be back on furlough from Lackland AFB in Texas.

In closing: "Conquering outer space is significant, but not as important as inner space. Man needs not only the guided missile, but a life guided by God.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

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AUTUMN ISSUE

Dear Folks:

So many pressing things have come up that we are a bit late in getting out this issue and now we have so much to talk about that we scarcely know where to start.

WARNING!!! Beware all residents of Tyringham! When raking and burning leaves, please check and make sure Cap's little Volkswagon is not under the pile before you touch a match to it!!!

As most of you know, as you were there, we had several very successful Church Suppers -- the Strawberry Festival, the Chicken Pie Supper, the Chicken Barbecue, and now we are planning the Annual Harvest Supper with turkey and all on November 10. These various suppers added almost $300 to the church treasury, and, believe us, it helped for it seems as though every expense imaginable, and some unthought of, have come up. Well, anyway, the Church Steeple is all rebuilt, the front of the church has two nice coats of glistening white paint and we are now watching anxiously to see whether or not we must have a new heating plant.

Norman Day, Chairman of the Church Committee, has sent out a list of 29 things that need to be done, but that can be done by volunteers, and we hope EVERY MEMBER will give some help, be it only a little bit. There is everything from carpentry, and painting here and there, to "get rid of the skunk family under the Parsonage." The writer is very sympathetic to that last item. That family, and its ancestors, have been living in our cellar for years. Myrtle, the Turtle, however is not in favor of it as she has made a personal friend of Fragrant Flora, the mother of the little stinkers.

A daughter, Kimberly Jane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith on June 30 in Pittsfield. (Mrs. Smith was Betty Clark). On August 4, a daughter was born to Andrew and Alice Ketchen. The little girl's name is Meredith Marguerite.

Last winter, a son, Benjamin Lloyd, was born to Robert and Susan McIntosh Lloyd of Cambridge. He is a grandson of our own Dr. and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh.

On Sunday, June 28, in Union Church, Robert Barrie Luchars, 3rd, was baptized. He is the son of Robert and Margaret Olds Luchars. On September 20, in the New Boston Congregational Church, were baptized Charles Russell Stanton, Jr., and Gail Marie Stanton, children of Russell and Elaine Middlebrook Stanton, and grandchildren of our own Mr. and Mrs. Percy Stanton. On September 27, Peter and Deanna Williamson Curtin of Stockbridge, brought young Peter Lee Curtin, Jr., to be baptized and this young man is another grandson of Mr.

and Mrs. Percy Stanton of Tyringham. Then, up from Woodbridge, Va., came George Sidney and Madeliene Zacarria (Mickey) VanOrman to have their little daughter, Holly Ann, baptized. During the summer, five couples have come from out of town to be married by your Minister.

We mention here, along with the sympathy of all our community to the bereaved family, the death in an airplane accident in Italy of Mrs. Olivia Kammerer, mother of Mrs. John McLennan

The Hop Brook Fair, Rummage Sale and Supper, on August 5, were all very successful.

On July 8, an Appreciation Reception was tendered John Heath and his good wife in the Community Center, which was crowded with many friends, including those who rode on John's buses in years gone by.

Mrs. Harvey Choquette has in her possession an American flag with 32 stars, handed down from her grandfather, Edward E. Taylor, who served in the Civil War. It is thought that the flag was made right after the admission of West Virginia as a state in 1863.

The Valley Club had its Annual Picnic on July 1 at the Goose Pond Cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hale. On September 16, the Annual Meeting of the Club was held and Mrs. Larry Cernik was elected President and Miss Alice Hale, Secy-Treas.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. David R. Bickford and daughters, Ramonda, Cynthia, Leslie and Terri as residents of Tyringham. They are living in the former home of Mrs. Maude Lyman.

Myrtle, the Turtle, had a thrilling experience last Summer. She was waddling through the cemetery when she stopped in utter amazement and admiration to watch a miniature rodeo put on by two Tyringham women who sought to rope a steer. If it hadn't been for a tombstone, Myrtle would have been squashed into turtle soup!!

On July 9, the Pastor and his wife journeyed to Stamford, Connecticut, to call on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holloway, who are in a Nursing Home there. The Holloways seemed in good spirits and inquired eagerly about Tyringham and numerous Tyringhamites.

The Tyringham Firemen put on their usual Block Dance on August 13 and followed it up a couple of weeks later with a chicken barbecue at the Firehouse.

Richard and Georgia Birkett celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on September 13 with an open house for all their friends.

A new CUB PACK is being organized in Tyringham with Norman Day as Cubmaster and Mrs. William Dyer and Mrs. Neil Curtin as Den Mothers.

Eugene Curtin has entered the University of Massachusetts.

Mrs. and Mrs. Clifford Canon went to Atlantic City at the time of the Miss America contest, though Clifford hastens to add that he was not one of the judges --- OFFICIALLY.

Thanks to General Miles Reber, five boys were taken to see the Army-Penn State Football

Game on October 10 and due to General Reber, five more will see, with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Darey, the Army-Villanova Game on November 7.

The members of the three FCTC CLUBS, with General Reber's assistance, were taken to Sturbridge Village August 19, and on September 4 a Supper and small photo exhibition was held in the Community Center for the club members and parents.

Donald Davis, Tyringham's sole TV personality, appeared on WRGB recently and helped put our town before the world. He reported a most successful season at the Tyringham Galleries.

The Town of Tyringham, represented by Fred Loring, Jesse Pierce, Bruce Logan and Harry Loring have constructed a very staunch and good-looking retaining wall in front of the parsonage. (The Minister hastens to deny any rumors that might arise about the wall's being needed because he was putting on too much weight.)

John Donald, son of our good friends and summer residents on Fernside Road, Mr. and Mrs. John Donald of Scarsdale, N.Y., was stroke on the victorious Harvard Freshmen crew last Spring.

The Cowham estate was occupied this Summer by Dr. Henry Field, noted explorer-anthropologist, and listed in "Who's Who in America." He gave a talk to the Fire Department on August 3, a most interesting meeting. It is rumored that some of the members were so interested they wanted to go up on the Gobble and dig for prehistoric bones

Berty, the Belfry Bat, another friend of Myrtle, the Turtle's, tells us that Arnold Hale, Fred Loring, and Ronny Loring are very brave men. They went up the steeple early one morning last summer and captured a huge swarm of bees, while Berty cheered lustily.

The well-known and much-beloved McIntosh family are scattered far and wide -- Dr. and Mrs. McIntosh in New York hard at their own respective services to humanity in the fields of medicine and education. Jim is a Fullbright Scholar way over in West Berlin; Carey is assistant to the Dean of Freshmen at Harvard; Kenneth is in his second year at the Harvard Medical School; and Dick is a junior in Harvard College. Susan, as those who know her well may guess, is doing several things -- being a wife, a mother and teaching at the Kingsley School in Boston on a part-time basis.

By the way, TYRINGHAM TOPICS would be most happy at any time to receive news items of the doings of our Summer residents. Let them remember that they, too, belong to Tyringham and we all should be interested in each other.

Corporal Everett Fennelly on Saturday, November 7, will marry Mary Ann Serra of Lee at St. Mary's Church. Sincerest congratulations and best wishes for a happy and long married life to this couple from us all.

And best wishes, too, to Anne Dort and her fiance, Warren Christie Moffett of Beverly, who plan to be married in January. The bride is a member of the staff of the Fogg Art Museum of Harvard and the groom, a lawyer in Boston.

Since our last issue, two more Tyringham boys have joined the Armed Forces. Gerald Clark has completed his basic training at Fort Dix in the Army and Ronald Loring is nearly through his in the Marine Corps at Parris Island. Briefly, the rest of our boys are located as follows:

Donald Birkett over in England; Jim Curtin, Bill Fennelly and Charles Loring, in Germany; Jim DuVernois in Indiana; Everett Fennelly in Camp Benning Georgia until next year when his new C.C. (Mary Ann) takes command of all his time; Gerry Twing is in Charlestown AFB in South Carolina; Dud VanOrman at Lackland AFB, Texas; and Sid VanOrman with the Marines (and Mickey) in Virginia.

We are very proud to tell the world that Robert E. DuVernois, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. DuVernois of Tyringham, has received the "American Farmer Degree," the highest offered by the Future Farmers of America, and he was awarded this honor at the FFA Convention recently held in Kansas City, Mo. Only one member from Massachusetts is eligible each year. Bob graduated from Williams High School in Stockbridge in 1957. He is a member of Union Church.

To bring special Church services of Union Church, or worthwhile sermons on radio or TV, to our sick or shut-ins, a tape recorder is needed. There are other uses as well that it would serve in our Church. But the Church itself has so many expenses that your Minister has taken upon himself, assisted by some members of the Photo Club possibly, to raise funds for this tape recorder by photography -- pictures of family groups, for example, or gatherings, or homes, etc. It will take a while but it seems to be a worthwhile project to bring happiness and comfort to those who cannot get out and around. Pictures will be reproduced for the most part in black and white -- not yet in color. Sizes will be wallet, 4 x 5, 5 x 7, 8 x 10, and even 11 x 14. Full details have not yet been worked out but already, informally, about $25 has been raised. As a starter, a showing of pictures of Tyringham people and scenes will be on display at the Annual Tyringham Night Family Get-Together in the Community Center soon. The pictures on exhibit will be marked for sale and slides in color, not for sale, will be shown on a projector. Also color movies of Tyringham in action. (Some pictures are real candid ones and some people will be quite surprised!!)

And now one final item -- and a most important one it is, involving the very existence of our Church. The Every Member Canvass for funds from the members of Union Church is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 1. At this time, members ONLY, will be asked to pledge or give towards the maintenance of the Church in Tyringham. What each gives will be known only to the Treasurer of the Church and to the One to Whom the money really goes. Some seem to think of their Church as being a group of people, some of whom they like, some they don't, and with that idea in mind, they either give nothing or very, very little. Surely we do not need to remind any member that the One to whom they are really giving is God Himself -- not any human being or group. The latter are merely trying to carry on God's work for Him and they need funds with which to do it. May we suggest that each member say over to himself or herself this question:-

"What sort of a Church
Would my Church be
If every member were
Just like Me?"

May you who belong to other churches elsewhere take that to heart, too, in regard to your own church. And that's all for now, folks. And may God bless you.

Yours for Tyringham,

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TYRINGHAM TOPICS
WINTER ISSUE

Dear Folks:-

Hope so much that you all had a very happy holiday season and that 1960 will be a great year for all of you. We are very grateful for the messages received expressing your appreciation of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, these messages coming from summer residents, former inhabitants of Tyringham and others interested in our town. We of the Staff enjoy getting the TOPICS to you and it is nice to know that you enjoy these "letters."

(Apparently, however, fifth columnists are at work when an insulting paragraph relating to the Editor's Volkswagen is slipped in! But two can play at that game!)

Union Church has much to be grateful for --- not only an increase in membership, small though it may be, but for the generous contributions of many to help us rebuild in part, our steeple; to paint the front of the church; to make other necessary repairs. We are grateful to those who gave unselfish labor in maintenance work on the Church; we are grateful to all those of our members who contributed so unselfishly at the time of the Every Member Canvass which resulted in a 200% increase in giving. (Six teams of two persons each solicited under the leadership of Treasurer William Dyer and Mrs. Larry Cernik, Chairman of the Finance Committee. We are grateful for so much and to so many that we cannot name all for lack of space here.

The Annual Meeting of Union Church was scheduled to be held on January 13, but had to be postponed to the 21st on account of bad weather. So we'll have to postpone any reports on this until our next issue.

A fire of unknown origin broke out December 23 in the house owned by Lady Salter and occupied by the William Dyer family. Roger Logan, caretaker for the Salters, discovered smoke coming out of the house early that afternoon and entered the house to find the kitchen-cellar stairs on fire. He summoned the Tyringham Fire Department, then found a garden hose, and was nearly overcome by smoke in fighting the fire pending the arrival of the Tyringham Dept., headed by Chief Willis Hale. The fire was soon extinguished with most of the damage by the blaze being confined to the stairway and part of the kitchen but there was extensive smoke damage throughout the house. Total damage was estimated at about $2500. The Dyers lost two canaries as casualties, many plants, and had their clothing and other items saturated by smoke. The Dyers were away on vacation and were due back that day, arriving to find their home occupied by firemen. Much credit is due to a courageous caretaker and a Fire Department that is prompt -- very prompt -- in answering an alarm and then fighting a fire most efficiently. With a Fire Department such as Tyringham has, those who have summer homes here can rest easier knowing that there is adequate fire protection on hand at all times.

In a letter to the EAGLE, Mr. Dyer said in part that "anyone who believes that neighborliness no longer exists or that people do not care does not (1) live in the Berkshires, (2) live in a small town such as Tyringham, or (3) simply has not experienced trouble of any kind. Evidence of Christian spirit came to us from ... the Town of Tyringham moments after it had become known that our home had been made unlivable by fire. My family and I are grateful to these wonderful people. It is heart-warming to know that none of us ever faces trouble alone."

The Dyer family spent the night in the home of Norman and Ruth Day and next day a cable was received from Lady Salter, inviting them to occupy her summer home next door, until repairs were made.

But to return to less exciting and previous happenings, the Tyringham School, under the usual skillful guidance of Mrs. Welch, the teacher, put on a Christmas program in the Town Hall, which was packed with proud parents and friends. Santa Claus arrived on time but has put on some weight for he had a bit of difficulty getting up the stairs. Santa Claus also paid an unexpected visit to the Library one afternoon and talked to some of the children.

Everett S. Fennelly, son of Richard and the late Amy Fennelly, was married to Mary Ann Serra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Serra on Saturday, the 7th of November, 1959, in St. Mary's Church in Lee. The bridegroom is still in the Army but completes his service early in February when he will return to Tyringham to live with his wife in the Fennelly homestead.

The marriage of Ronald Martin Herman of Great Barrington and Dierdre Roger Curtin of Tyringham took place in the Union Church in Tyringham on Saturday, December 12, with the Pastor officiating. A reception followed in the Town Hall. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Herman of Rushville, Pa. The couple are living at 31 Castle Hill Ave., Great Barrington.

The engagement of Miss Anne Vaillant Dort, daughter of Mrs. Robert Gilman Dort and the late Mr. Dort of Boston and Tyringham to Mr. Warren Christie Moffett of Boston has been announced. Mr. Moffett is the son of George Moffett and the late Mrs. Moffett of Beverly. The wedding will take place on Saturday, January 23, in the Church of the Advent in Boston. The best wishes for a long and happy married life go to the couple from the people of Tyringham, Anne's other home.

All Tyringham was saddened by the sudden death of Clifford Canon on November 22 last. He leaves his wife Dorothy, a daughter Carolyn, and two sons, John Northrup and Garfield. The funeral services were held at the Union Church in Tyringham of which he was a member, and burial was in Tyringham cemetery. He was 74 years of age and was born and lived all his life in Tyringham. He belonged to the Lee Rotary Club, the Berkshire Farm Bureau, and, for 18 years had been a representative of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange. He held various town offices during his lifetime.

As this is being typed, we have learned of the sudden death, in Baltimore, of Mrs. William Sawyer, the former Lucina Schots of Tyringham. We are deeply saddened by this news, and our sympathy goes to her husband, Dr. William Sawyer, her two young children, and to her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schots. The Schots were residents of Tyringham for many years. Lucy attended schools in Tyringham and Lee, graduated from The Children's Hospital School of Nursing, and served in The Army Nursing Corps during World War II in Australia and New Guinea.

We think the following list of deer "getters" is complete for the 1959 season --- Mary Hale, Charles VanDeusen, Carl Curtin, Jr., Roger Logan, Alice Hale, Kenneth Winters, Thomas Curtin and Edward Fennelly.

Eric Ford, (of Depping Boulevard) was named last November as manager of the Service Dept. of the H.J. Aspinall Inc. Volkswagen Agency in Pittsfield. Mr. Ford has had long experience with foreign cars, particularly with Volkswagen.

"Volkswagens and such other cars
Give Cadillacs the jitters;
It makes them feel like mother cars
Surrounded by their litters."

A unique distinction came to Tyringham last November when word was received by Mrs. Chester VanOrman that her son, Sidney, a sergeant in the Marine Corps, had been selected to be one of the members of the crew which would service President Eisenhower's helicopter throughout his trip to many foreign lands, from which he recently returned. Sid returned to this country following the President's return to Washington. During his absence. his wife, Madeleine, and daughter, Holly, stayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Zaccaria in Lee. They have now returned to their home in Woodbridge, Virginia, near Sid's Marine station at Quantico.

The following poem was sent us by a Tyringham mother. We add it as it is worth reading for young mothers ere it be too late:

Just a couple of years ago
At least that's all it seems,
I didn't have time for his mud pies
Or his cowboy and Indian schemes.
Just a couple of years ago,
"Stop what you're doing - come see,"
And I heard him call, but the cleaning
Was more important to me.
Just a couple of years ago
He'd climb on my knee with a book
But I'd put him down and say, "Later,
Right now it's time to cook."
Oh, I wish the clock could roll back the time
That I could hear the voice of my boy,
And relive the moments of boyhood years
And share a little boy's joy.
I'd put down my broom and duster
And dinner perhaps might be late,
For I know now that cleaning and dusting
Are the kind of things that can wait.
If only to have him small again,
I'd read till I couldn't see -
Goldilocks and Pinocchio -
Just to hold him close on my knee.
Those golden moments of childhood years
Come once and not again,

For in just a couple of years, it seems
My boy has become a man.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Curtin have moved from the Fennelly house to the former home of Perrin Stanton, which Mr. Curtin has purchased.

As we write, word has been received that James Curtin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin, has arrived at Fort Dix from duty in Germany and will be discharged from the army shortly. It will be good to see Jim back home.

Gerald Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr., has left for service with the Army in Korea. Now that Everett Fennelly has returned from Korea, Gerald has gone over to look after things.

Ronald Loring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loring, has completed his basic training with the Marines and has returned to duty after a furlough.

The Boy Scout Finance Compaign was very successful. Mrs. Chester VanOrman, Chairman, wishes to thank all who gave to this important cause. Also many thanks to her helpers, Mrs. Neil Curtin, Mrs. Geo. Hale, Mrs. Donald Hale and Mrs. M.J.Winters.

Tyringham's Family Night, with showing of color slides and black and white pictures posted on the walls will be held Wednesday evening, January 20, at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center under the auspices of the Tyringham Valley Civic Association. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering taken.

We should mention here that the TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF last Halloween run by the Tyringham Civic Association was a great success with 42 youngsters taking part and $28.89 collected.

The new tape recorder is in use and recordings were made of the Christmas Sunday service and another service. Borrowing records of Christmas Carols, we made tape recordings of them and, at the suggestion of Bill Dyer and with the help of Norman Day, our belfry was equipped with loud-speakers, a public address system established in the balcony, and Christmas Carols were broadcast on the air over Tyringham during Christmas.

As soon as we can record worthwhile music, sermons and hymns, these will be played on the recorder for shutins and invalids.

The annual vacation of the Minister starts on January 26 when he, Mrs. Couch, and her father will leave for St. Petersburg, Florida. During his absence, the Church will be closed, services beginning again on Sunday, February 28.

As we go to press, Myrtle, the Turtle comes up with the following verse:-

A Tyringham girlie named Ag
About her Renault loves to brag.
Lest a Volkswagen bruise it
And cause her to lose it
She hides it away in a bag.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

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SPRING ISSUE

Dear Folks:-

We're a bit late with our Spring Issue (but so was Spring!). We've had so much snow and ice, thinking of Spring seemed out of place. But now, at long last, we can feel it in the air; hear it in the voice of Myrtle, the Turtle, as she goes about singing, and some of our summer residents are dropping in to get their houses in order. Shortly Spring will be "bustin" out all over and we'll all be glad to have it here.

Union Church held its Annual Meeting on January 21 and elected the following officers for 1960:- Moderator, Arnold Hale; Deacon (3 yrs.), Roger Logan; Deaconess (3 yrs.) Mrs. William Dyer; (2 yrs.) Mrs. Reba Babb; Clerk, Mrs. Francis Darey; Treasurer, Mr. William Dyer; Auditor, Mrs. Donald Bridgham; Trustee (3 yrs.) Mrs. Percy Stanton; Members-at-Large, Church Committee, Norman Day, George Hale; Finance Committee, Mrs. Larry Cernik, Mrs. Neil Curtin, Mrs. Percy Stanton; Sunday School Supt., Mrs. Willis Hale; Asst. S.S. Supt., Mrs. Neil Curtin. The following appointments were made at the first meeting of the Church Committee:- Missionary Committee, Mrs. Chester VanOrman; Flower Committee, Roger Logan, Chairman; Carolyn Canon, Mrs. Donald Hale; Music Committee, William Dyer, Chm., Alice Hale, Norman Day, Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski; Social Action Committee, Mrs. Robert DuVernois, Mrs. William Dyer; Religious Education, Chm., Mrs. Willis Hale, Mrs. Neil Curtin. Official Delegates: Mr. and Mrs. William Dyer.

The Hop Brook Club held its annual meeting and elected Mrs. Richard Birkett as President; Mrs. Robert E. DuVernois as Vice-President; Mrs. Jesse Hale, Secretary, and Mrs. Duane Slater, Treasurer.

Tyringham elected its Town Officers for the year as follows:- Moderator, Charles B. Slater; School Committee (3 yrs.) Charles Johnson; Park Commissioner (3 yrs.) Larry Cernik; Town Clerk, Miss Alice Hale; Selectmen, Roger Logan, Arnold Hale, Michael Winters; Assessor (3 yrs.) Willis Hale; Treasurer (3 yrs.) George deSousa; Library Trustee (3 yrs.) Mrs. Percy Stanton; Cemetery Trustee (3 yrs.) C. Walter Stedman; Auditor, William D. Gelschleichter. (By the way, the Tax Rate will be $44.00, a drop of $2.00 from the previous year, it was announced by Charles Johnson, Chairman of the Assessors.)

An electric clock, installed in the rear of the sanctuary and replacing the old key-wind clock, is given in loving memory of the late Clifford Canon, by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Canan.

The Red Cross drive in Tyringham, chairmaned by Mrs. John Curtin, has exceeded its quota of $310 by $50.

Tyringham welcomes two new families to town and bids sad farewell to another. Coming to town are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fennelly who have moved into the Fennelly house, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Curtin with Peter, Jr., who have purchased the home of the Roy Heaths. Roy, Candace and Donna have moved to Lee, but we hope to see them back now and then at Tyringham activities.

Tyringham recently purchased a resuscitator for the use of its Fire Department in case of emergency. The Town appropriated $425 towards its cost of $525, Mrs. Clifford Canon making up the balance in memory of her late husband.

Our good neighbor, Mr. George Picken held an exhibit of his recent paintings at the Rehn Gallery, 683 Fifth Avenue, New York, from February 1 to 20.

The front cover page of the Springfield Republican for Sunday, January 31, pictured the Ginerbread House in color. This is the home, as you all probably know, of the Tyringham Galleries conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Davis.

Another honor comes to Tyringham -- Mrs. Robert E. DuVernois is to be installed as Worthy Matron of Morning Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Lee. The ceremony takes place Saturday evening, April 9. We wish for her a very successful administration.

Bruce Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Logan has enlisted in the Army and is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Unfortunately, Bruce came down with pneumonia soon after arrival and has been confined to the Martin Army Hospital. Bruce is very grateful for the many cards and messages sent him from Tyringham.

Ronald Loring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loring, has been promoted to PFC in the Marine Corps. He is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

And Gerald Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr., who is stationed in Korea with the Army, has been promoted to PFC.

Not to be outdone, Dudley VanOrman, son of Mrs. Chester VanOrman, who is in the Air Corps way "down in Texas" is now an A/2C. His brother, Sgt. Sidney VanOrman of the Marines, recently travelled all over South America with the helicopter detail which accompanied President Eisenhower.

As for our three other service men, Donald Birkett is over in England looking after Uncle Sam's affairs there; Gerald Twing is in South Carolina with the Air Corps and Jimmy DuVernois, also Air Corps, is in Peru -- not South America -- not Massachusetts -- just Indiana.

Union Church will observe Holy Week starting Sunday, April 10 as Palm Sunday. Thursday, April 14, Maundy Thrusday will be observed with an evening service starting at 7:30 P.M. New members will be received into the fellowship of the Church and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

The Easter service on Sunday, April 17, will be held at 11:00 A.M. Starting at 10:30, through the kindness of Mr. Donald Davis, there will be a half hour of recorded Easter music, closing with a selection including trumpets. Those desiring to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of loved ones are asked to notify the Flower Committee: Roger Logan, Miss Carolyn Canon and Mrs. Donald Hale.

A daughter, Jane Ellen Twing, was born February 25, 1960, in Pittsfield to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Twing of Glendale. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Twing of Tyringham and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Williams of South Lee.

The engagement has been announced of Kathleen Mary DiSimoni, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. DiSimoni of Lee to James J. Curtin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham. Jim is just out of the Army after returning from 18 months overseas in Germany.

Following the above announcement, the next night, came another engagement announcement -- that of Evelyn Ann Twing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Twing, Sr., of Tyringham to A/2c James S. DuVernois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. DuVernois of Tyringham. The wedding will take place July 9 in Union Church.

(So you see, folks, Spring is here and Cupid has arrived with the robbins!')

On January 23, in the Church of the Advent in Boston, Miss Anne Vaillant Dort, daughter of Mrs. Robert Dort of Boston AND Tyringham, and the late Mr. Dort, was married to Mr. Warren Christie Moffett, son of Mr. George Moffett of Beverly and the late Mrs. Moffett. Several from Tyringham attended the wedding.

Tyringham lost a beloved friend of many years through the death of Mr. Harry Cyrus Holloway on March 7, 1960. He and Mrs. Holloway and their sons and daughter occupied their home, Tamarack, on Fernside for many years and the whole family had endeared themselves to all who knew them. Mr. Holloway was a member of Union Church and his funeral was held there on March 9. Burial was in the cemetery on the hill near the Church, as he wished to be brought back to Tyringham to be "among his friends." Though well-known in Chicago where he formerly lived, he always said that his heart was in Tyringham.

The overhead lighting, so greatly needed in our Sanctuary, we hope will be in operation for Maundy Thursday and Easter. The lights, the spot-light over the pulpit, and the main light over the center, are the gifts of Mrs. R. Hawley Truax and Mr. John S. Rudd in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Rudd, their parents.

Some of the small car owners can learn a few "tricks" from Cap Couch. It appears that he was "spotted" by the authorities speeding into Pittsfield. They gave chase, of course, but Cap kept ahead of them until he reached crowded North Street, where he drove his "bug" up onto the sidewalk and got lost in the crowd!

Thanks to Mrs. Henning Carlson, we are able to quote to you from issue to issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS some interesting anecdotes about our town. Herewith is one from the LEE GLEANER of July 20, 1901:

> "Tyringham is not a gay summer resort but it has gained considerable distinction from the fact that Mr. Grover Cleveland, Mr. Richard Watson Gilder and other distinguished people have been making this village their home. The village is

about six miles from Lee. It used to be a small manufacturing village with a Turkey paper mill (Ed. Note - we never heard of paper being made out of turkeys!) and a manufactory of hand hay rakes. The village has its school house, the country store and post office, a wagon and blacksmith shop and two churches, Methodist and Baptist." (More in our next issue)

As we "go to press," a very important and wise amendment to the Tyringham By-Laws is about to be circulated. The Selectmen have asked us to publish it in brief in TYRINGHAM TOPICS and this we gladly do. We quote it herewith:-

"The Town By-Laws, adopted on February 4, 1958 and approved by the Attorney General on April 7, 1958, are hereby amended by striking out Section 10 of Chapter 8 and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 10 (A). No person shall construct any building or other structure, nor alter, nor add to any building or other structure to create additional tenements or apartments, nor move any building or structure or trailer into the Town of Tyringham which is to be used for any purpose without first obtaining from the Board of Selectmen a permit, the reverse side of which shall state the Board of Health regulations pertaining to sewage disposal. The permit will not be granted or may be rescinded if it appears at any time that provisions may have not been made to comply with the Board of Health regulations.

Section 10 (B). Every structure other than accessory building hereinafter erected or structurally altered shall provide a lot area of not less than one acre; shall have a minimum frontage of not less than 200 feet; shall have a front yard of a depth not less than 50 feet to the front line of the building and shall have a rear yard of not less than 20 per cent of the depth of the lot, provided, however, that such rear yard shall be not less than 50 feet deep; and shall have a side yard, on each side of said structure, of at least 50 feet."

Ed. Note:- The said By-Laws are further amended by striking out entirely Chapter 9 of said By-Laws and inserting in place thereof a Chapter 9, providing for a Board of Appeals, whose duties would be mainly in relation to the above amendment to the By-Laws. These we will not go into detail about due to lack of space.

NOTE, HOWEVER, a Town Forum is to be held on Saturday, April 16, in the Town Hall with a speaker from the Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation, who will talk on the subject of "Assessment." Besides the speaker, the subject, as mentioned above, will be discussed and one or two other very important topics that have come up.

A MAPLE FESTIVAL -- PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER with other delicacies is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 -- all you can eat for $1. We are pushing our monthly schedule of suppers ahead a month due to the fact that finances of the Church are not bursting into bloom -- in fact, not even budding! (By the way, would you good people who have slipped behind a bit in payment of your pledges, catch up with them? This would enable our Treasurer, Bill Dyer, to sleep nights).

Ann and Don Davis of Tyringham Galleries announce two added attractions for this summer -- a unique Tea Room and Country Cupboard (Art Gallery atmosphere) featuring home-made cookies, cake, etc. and specializing in unusual varieties of tea. The Galleries Art School (dealing in contemporary painting and ceramics) also gets under way on a

limited basis, with the complete program of classes and full-scale operation planned for the 1961 season.

Pack 40 (Cubs) of the Boy Scouts of America has been reactivated and is meeting regularly on Monday afternoons at 3:30 in the Tyringham Community Center. Mrs. Ruth deSousa and Mrs. Constance Dyer are the Den Mothers and Arthur Dyer is Den Chief. The Pack has eight very active and energetic boys -- Robert Choquette, John Curtin, Richard deSousa, Kenneth Whalen, Richard Cernik, Gary Davis, Peter Day and Steven Hale. Norman G. A. Day is Cubmaster and Kenneth E. Jones is Chairman of the Pack Committee. At the first Pack Meeting held on the 29th of February, the Charter was presented to the Community Center by Marshall Giddings of Great Barrington who represented the Berkshire Council. The Cubs were all presented their registration pins and the four new boys, Cernik, Hale, Davis and Day, received their Bobcat pins. Richard deSousa also received the rank of Wolf. At the second Pack Meeting held on March 28, the Cubs presented a skit, the theme of "Our Home State" by depicting "Paul Revere's Ride" in pantomime, and making a live State Seal. George deSousa obtained for us the State Flag that flies from the Court House in Pittsfield and displayed it on the wall of the Community Center for the evening. Those receiving advancement awards at this meeting were: Robert Choquette, Bear rank and 1 arrow point; Richard deSousa, 2 arrow points; John Curtin, Wolf Rank and 2 Arrow points; Richard Cernik, Wolf rank. For April, the Cubs are working on The Great Lakes theme.

In closing, we would tell all of you who are absent from Tyringham Valley that the Spring rains and melting snow have made our town resemble a seaport. Myrtle, the Turtle, is delighted with it all -- naturally. She talks about Tyringham Harbor, does some skin diving on her own and insists she spotted a Russian submarine surfacing offshore from Hickory Farm.

Guess that's all we have to write about now except to say to all you summer residents that one of the nicest things about Spring coming is that you can't be far behind!

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

P.S. Just before this page was put on the mimeograph, Myrtle, the Turtle, left the following item and asked that it be added:-

Dear Folks,-
Please save any extra steel wool you have for Ag Curtin. She's knitting herself a new Renault.

M.T.

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SUMMER ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY THAT - BEFORE WE KNEW IT - HERE IT WAS JULY AND TIME TO SEND OUR SUMMER TYRINGHAM TOPICS. SEEMS AS THOUGH WE JUST SENT YOU THE APRIL COPY. BUT WELCOME BACK ALL YOU SUMMER RESIDENTS. IT'S REAL NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. SOME OF YOU ARE STILL MISSING BUT WE HOPE YOU'LL BE BACK SOON.

JUST AFTER OUR APRIL SPRING ISSUE WAS OUT, OUR CHURCH OBSERVED PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY AND EASTER. ON MAUNDY THURSDAY WE RECEIVED INTO OUR MEMBERSHIP BY LETTER MARY CARTER HALE, GRACE BRYANT SLATER AND DEANNA WILLIAMSON CURTIN -- AND BY PROFESSION OF FAITH, KENNETH MICHAEL WINTERS AND DENNIS STANTON CURTIN. AND ON EASTER SUNDAY WE HAD A MOST INSPIRING CONGREGATION WHICH FILLED OUR CHURCH (AND GLADDENED YE MINISTER'S HEART!) HI-FI EASTER MUSIC OF TRUMPETS AND ORGAN AT OPENING OF SERVICE ADDED TO THE SERVICE THANKS TO MR. DONALD DAVIS.

OUR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE. THANKS TO MRS. WILLIS HALE, OUR S.S. SUPERINTENDENT AND HER STAFF WE HAVE A FINE SUNDAY SCHOOL. THE YOUNGSTERS, WITH THEIR RECITATIONS AND SINGING TOOK OVER MOST OF THE SERVICE. THE PLAYING OF THE TRUMPET BY JON KRASZESKI AND THE TROMBONES BY ARTHUR DYER AND KENNETH JONES, JR. ADDED MUCH TO THE MUSIC PROGRAM.

AT THIS TIME ROBERT WILLIAM CLARK, SON OF ROBERT AND PATRICIA CARTY CLARK, AND MEREDITH MARGUERITE KETCHEN, DAUGHTER OF ANDREW AND ALICE WARD KETCHEN, JR. WERE BAPTIZED.

TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH TO KEEP GOING, WE SERVED A PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER IN APRIL, A CHICKEN-PIE SUPPER IN MAY AND A STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN JUNE. WE ARE PLANNING OUR FOURTH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH.

TYRINGHAM GRADUATES FROM LEE HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR WERE BEVERLY DYER, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM DYER; EVELYN TWING, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. EDWIN TWING AND EDWARD CHOQUETTE, SON OF MR. AND MRS. HARVEY CHOQUETTE. A FORMER TYRINGHAM BOY, NOW LIVING IN OTIS ALSO GRADUATED -- RUSSELL LORING, SON OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES LORING.

ANOTHER TYRINGHAMITE, MISS MARGARET HOWARD, DAUGHTER OF MRS. SIDNEY HOWARD, GRADUATED FROM SMITH COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE. WHILE THERE SHE MAJORED IN ITALIAN LITERATURE, SPENDING JUNIOR YEAR IN EUROPE. AT HER GRADUATION SHE RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP IN THE FIELDS OF THE ITALIAN

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE. THE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO HER BY THE CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY IN BOSTON. MISS HOWARD PLANS TO WORK IN AUSTRIA THIS COMING WINTER.

MISS JOAN HALE, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIS HALE GRADUATED FROM THE MARY FLETCHER HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF X-RAY TECHNIQUE IN BURLINGTON, VERMONT AS A REGISTERED TECHNICIAN AFTER A TWO-YEAR COURSE. MISS HALE IS NOW WORKING AT THE GLEN COVE, N.Y. DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC.

TYRINGHAM HAS A NEW CITIZEN -- RICKEY LEE LORING, SON OF MR. AND MRS. RICHARD LORING WAS BORN IN PITTSFIELD ON MAY 25TH. AND TO SERGEANT AND MRS. GEORGE SIDNEY VANORMAN A YOUNGSTER CALLING HIMSELF SCOTT ROBERT VANORMAN ARRIVED JUNE 4, 1960 IN VIRGINIA WHERE HIS FATHER IS STATIONED WITH THE U.S.MARINES.

LEST WE GET IN WRONG WITH THE GRANDPARENTS WE MUST ADD THAT RICKEY LORING'S ARE MR. AND MRS. HARRY LORING OF TYRINGHAM AND MR. AND MRS. ALFRED CRANDALL OF WIGGINS COLORADO. SCOTT VANORMAN'S GRANDFOLKS (THAT'S A NEW WORD) ARE MRS. HAZEL VANORMAN OF TYRINGHAM AND MR. AND MRS. PAT ZACCARIA OF LEE.

THE MARRIAGE OF MISS KATHLEEN DISIMONI, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN A. DISIMONI OF LEE TO JAMES JOSEPH CURTIN, SON OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN CURTIN OF TYRINGHAM TOOK PLACE IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN LEE ON JUNE 5TH.

MR. AND MRS. ALESSEL DOCK OF PERU, INDIANA, HAVE ANNOUNCED THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER, MARCIA DOCK WALTERS TO AIRMAN 2ND CLASS JAMES S. DUVERNOIS, SON OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. DUVERNOIS OF TYRINGHAM ON JUNE 6TH.

THE MARRIAGE OF ADRIENNE BANSALL ALLEN, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN LEIGHTON ALLEN OF TORONTO, CANADA, TO DOCTOR JOHN JAY DUBOIS, SON OF MR. ARTHUR DUBOIS, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 1960 IN TORONTO.

ERIC FORD, MVW (MASTER OF VOLKSWAGENS) WHO RESIDES ON "DEPPPING BOULEVARD" IN TYRINGHAM BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ON APRIL 4,1960. MR. FORD WAS FORMERLY A BRITISH SUBJECT, FOUGHT IN MANY ENGAGEMENTS IN WORLD WAR II, INCLUDING THE EVACUATION OF DUNKIRK. HE WAS WOUNDED AT THAT TIME. HIS WIFE, "CELE" AND HIS DAUGHTER, "JOSIE", HOPE TO BECOME AMERICAN CITIZENS THIS FALL. THEY WERE FORMERLY OF BELGIUM.

WE SEEM TO BE JUMPING ABOUT A BIT AND IGNORING CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE, BUT WE MUST MENTION TYRINGHAM'S MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MRS. WELCH, OUR SCHOOLTEACHER. ONE CAN EASILY SEE THAT MRS. WELCH IS DOING IN HER SCHOOL WHAT IS NOT BEING DONE IN MANY OTHER SCHOOLS -- TEACHING A LOVE OF COUNTRY AND PRIDE IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA, AS WELL AS THE TRUE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY -- SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN BY TOO MANY, INCLUDING VETERANS THEMSELVES. AND WE MUST ADD THAT THE LEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND WAS SUPERB.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR GILMORE HAVE SOLD THEIR HOME TO DONALD HALE AND RICHARD CABRAL AND MOVED TO GREAT BARRINGTON. WE MISS THEM! ON JUNE 4TH A COVERED DISH SUPPER AND FAREWELL RECEPTION WAS GIVEN THEM AND THE ROY HEATHS, WHO MOVED DURING THE WINTER TO LEE. THE AFFAIR WAS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER. AND NOW ANOTHER FAMILY HAS LEFT TYRINGHAM -- MRS. MARY BURDICK, HER SON, JAMES, AND DAUGHTER, MARY ANN AND WE'LL MISS THEM, TOO.

THE TYRINGHAM GALLERIES, UNDER THE OWNERSHIP AND GUIDANCE OF DON AND ANN DAVIS HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLIMENTARY WRITE-UPS IN THE PAPERS. "FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TOURIST INTEREST, THE SHOW SHOULD BE MORE EXCITING THAN MANY AVAILABLE AT MUSEUMS," WROTE JOHN STUART COX IN JUNE. AND AN ADDED ATTRACTION THIS SEASON IS "THE LITTLE GALLERY TEA ROOM" OF MRS. DAVIS.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE McINTOSH FAMILY IN EUROPE THIS MONTH, DR. AND MRS. HAROLD STAHMER AND CHILDREN, SARAH AND JENNIFER, OF NEW YORK CITY ARE OCCUOYING THE HOUSE. DR. STAHMER IS A PROFESSOR OF RELIGION IN BARNARD COLLEGE. HE IS A GRADUATE OF DARTMOUTH AND STUDIED FOR A YEAR AT THE GERMAN BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF MARAIA LAACH. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF DIVINITY DEGREE AT UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HIS DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE FROM CAMBRIDGE IN ENGLAND.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, HAD A NARROW ESCAPE SHE TELLS US. SHE WAS LAZILY BASKING IN THE SUN ON TYRINGHAM ROAD ONE DAY WHEN SHE WAS SUDDENLY AWAKENED BY SOMETHING ROLLING OVER HER SHELL. STARTLED, SHE STUCK OUT HER SNOOT AND SAW THAT IT WAS THE YOUNG LADY WHO DRIVES A RENAULT. MYRTLE WAS UNINJURED BUT MUST HAVE HAD QUITE AN INFLUENCE ON THE RENAULT FOR IT TURNED TURTLE!

A2/C GERALD TWING HAD A SHORT LEAVE RECENTLY, THE FIRST IN A LONG TIME AND IT WAS GOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN. HE IS STILL STATIONED AT CHARLESTON AFB, SOUTH CAROLINA. PFC RONALD LORING IS HOME ON LEAVE FROM HIS ASSIGNMENT AT THE MARINE'S CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. BRUCE LOGAN IS HOME ON A 14 DAY LEAVE, THE FIRST HE HAS HAD SINCE HE WENT INTO THE ARMY LAST JANUARY. BRUCE LEAVES THE 29TH FOR A NEW POST, FORT STEART, GEORGIA. HE WAS AT FORT BENNING. ALL THREE OF THESE GUYS LOOK FIT AND READY-- AIRMAN, MARINE AND SOLDIER! (MR. KHRUSHCHEV PLEASE NOTE AND SHUT UP!)

PFC GERALD CLARK IS HOLDING DOWN HIS PART OF THE WORLD IN KOREA, KEEPING AN EYE ON THE CHINESE REDS, WHILE A/2C DON BIRKETT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD IN ENGLAND WATCHING THE SOVIETS. AND DOWN IN TEXAS, LO AND BEHOLD, IS A/2C DUD VANORMAN MAKING SURE FIDEL CASTRO DOESN'T START SOMETHING.

DR. GULIELMA ALSOP KINDLY SENT US A POEM HER SISTER, MRS. SHEPARDSON, WROTE AND WE PASS IT ON HEREWITH:-

TYRINGHAM

I KNOW A VALLEY THAT IS FILLED WITH PEACE
AS TANGIBLE TO THE SPIRIT AS A SPRING
TO THIRSTY LIPS. HERE NOISE AND DISCORD CEASE
WHILE TIMELESS RYTHMS BEAT ON INVISIBLE WING.

THIS VALLEY IS NOT LOST, REMOTE, FOR PAST
ITS ENTRANCE SPIN THE WHEELS OF CHANGE. MOTELS
AND SNACK BARS, CAMP-SITES, SOUVENIRS, ARE FAST
OBLITERATING COUNTRY SOUNDS AND SMELLS.

BUT HERE, IN THE HARMONY OF HILLS AND VALE,
WHERE SUCCULENT PASTURES RISE TO WOODED SLOPE
AND MEADOWLARKS SOAR UP AS NIGHT TURNS PALE
AND THRUSHES END THE DAY WITH CLOSING TROPE.
THERE IS AN AIR IN WHICH THE SPIRIT GROWS;
DOUBTS FALL AWAY, AND STRENGTH BUILDS ON REPOSE.

THE PHOTO CLUBS ARE IN FULL SWING AND OUR YOUNG SHUTTER-BUGS ARE BUSY ALL AROUND. THE FOTOGALS WERE FIRST TO ORGANIZE AND THEY ELECTED KAREN WINTERS AS PRESIDENT; MARY ELLEN BUCKLEY, VICE- PRESIDENT; MONDA BICKFORD, SECRETARY; PEGGY REBER, TREASURER; SUSAN CABRAL, PROGRAM CHAIRMAN.

THE FOTOGOATS THEN ORGANIZED WITH SHAUN SMITH, PRESIDENT; JON KRASZESKI AND KENNETH JONES, VICE-PRESIDENTS; TOMMY VINER, SECRETARY; DONALD DAVIS, JR. TREASURER. RODMAN MILLER WAS TO BE A MEMBER BUT IS IN ALASKA AT PRESENT. OTHER MEMBERS ARE ARTHUR DYER AND WALTER PALMER AND TWO CHARTER MEMBERS, JOHN CANON AND HENNING CARLSON.

MISS PRINCESS DESOUSA, PET COLLIE OF THE DESOUSAS HAS EMBARASSED HER FAMILY NO END BY JOINING THE REUBLICAN PARTY AND IS PLANNING TO ATTEND -- IF SHE CAN GET AWAY WITH IT -- THE CONVENTION IN CHICAGO. PRINCESS HAS BEEN TALKING WITH THE SELECTMEN AND FIRE CHIEF WILLIS HALE IN REGARD TO INSTALLING HYDRANTS IN TYRINGHAM.

MRS. SIDNEY HOWARD'S FARM WAS RECENTLY THE SCENE OF A MOST INTERESTING PET SHOW WITH ALL SORTS OF PETS -- FROGS, TOADS, SALAMANDERS, CATS, DOGS, PARAKEETS, CANARIES, A HORSE AND TWO PIGS AND A RABBIT. TWENTY-EIGHT EXHIBITORS WERE ON HAND -- DAVID AND MARIA AND LINOLA DEGEORGIS, JOHNNY BILL GAISFORD, MARTHA BIRKETT, THOMAS CANFIELD, J. C. BROWN, DARLENE CURTIN, CHUCKY CLARK, DICKIE DESOUSA, SHARON AND KATIE ROWLEY, PEGGY REBER, BUTCH DYER, PETER, STEPHEN AND MARTHA DAY, REED SWART, TONY BROWN, PHILIP LITTELL, COOKIE AND PETER LITTELL, SARAH STAHNER, SALLY SWART AND GARY DAVIS.

THREE CUPS WERE GIVEN BY MRS. HOWARD - ONE FOR THE MOST UNUSUAL PET; ONE FOR THE BEST CARED FOR PET AND ONE FOR THE PET THE JUDGES WOULD MOST LIKE TO OWN. AFTER A LONG AND BUTTER STRUGGLE THE JUDGES, GENERAL MILES REBER, NORMAN DAY AND THE LOCAL PARSON, AWARDED THE PRIZES AS FOLLOWS - MOST UNUSUAL PET, THE SALAMANDERS AND TOAD, TO REED SWART; BEST CARED FOR PET, WHITE ANGORA CAT TO DICKIE DESOUSA; THE PET THE JUDGES WOULD MOST LIKE TO OWN, A SPRINGER SPANIEL, TO GARY DAVIS.

NEXT DAY, PUBLIC-SPIRITED MRS, HOWARD, ALLOWED THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PUR ON A VERY SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN BARBECUE, WHICH DID MUCH TO REDUCE THE NOTE HELD ON THE FIREHOUSE.

ON SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 23RD, A DANCE WAS HELD IN THE TOWN HALL TO HONOR FOUR OF TYRINGHAM'S SERVICEMEN -- SP 4 WALTER HOWARD, SON OF MRS. HOWARD; PFC GEORGE GILDER, SON OF MRS. GILDER-PALMER; PFC RONALD LORING, SON OF MR. AND MRS. FRED LORING AND PVT. BRUCE LOGAN, SON OF MR. AND MRS. ROGER LOGAN. THROUGH THE PAGES OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS, THE FOUR BOYS DESIRE TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE FOR ALL THEY DID.

THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB'S ANNUAL FAIR AND RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3RD AT 2,00 P.M. SUPPER WILL BE SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 5.30 AND 6.30 -- A BUFFET SUPPER WITH TURKEY, HAM, MEAT BALLS AND LOTS ELSE.

THIS HAS BEEN QUITE A LONG LETTER BUT MUCH HAS BEEN DOING. PLEASE FORGIVE ERRORS IN TYPING AS MYRTLE, THE TURTLE HAS TO TYPE IT THIS TIME AS OUR REGULAR TYPIST AND GOOD FRIEND, AG CURTIN IS UNABLE TO DO IT.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

64 F.L.C.

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AUTUMN ISSUE

Dear Folks:-

We've just been through the shortest and fastest moving summer we ever heard of! Seems as though it were only day before yesterday that all you summer residents were coming home to Tyringham -- then -- WHOOSH -- and you've all gone back to your winter homes! We're glad some of you are still with us, though.

Two years ago, when we published October's TYRINGHAM TOPICS, it was cold and dreary and snow was here. Today it is warm and sunny -- the autumn coloring is not yet all out and Myrtle, the Turtle, has not yet put on her red flannels.

Our fourth Annual Chicken Barbecue was a great success. We cleared over $130. for our church. Chef Dyer and Chef Reber starred over the glowing charcoal, ably assisted inside and out by many experts in the special fields of serving up the feast.

The next great supper is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, at 5:30 P.M., serving continuously until 7:30. The menu will consist of barbecued turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, homemade rolls, pies, coffee, tea, milk. (Note: Heavy eaters, unable to rise after dining, will be carried to their cars. No extra charge!)

According to the latest census, the population, year-round, of Tyringham is 195 or 196, counting Myrtle, the Turtle. But this comparatively small figure is being taken care of by the stork, although poor Myrtle gets the jitters every time the bird flies over. She thinks it's a guided missile and ducks for cover. We suppose she's right in thinking it's an "Heir-Raid" at that!

On August 2, Seth Lloyd, son of Robert and Susan McIntosh Lloyd, was born. The young man was born away from Tyringham, but in a way he partly belongs here, so we'll claim him. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh of New York and Tyringham. His arrival weight was 7 lbs., 15 ounces. Then, on August 25, who should arrive but Alexander Luchars, son of Robert Barrie and Margaret Olds Luchars. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 ounces. The stork swooped low over Tyringham and landed in Pittsfield General. (Myrtle ducked). Alexander is grandson of Mrs. Lois Olds of Wellesley and Tyringham. On September 29, again came the stork to Pittsfield General, bringing Rhonda Dee Herman to Ronald and Dierdre Curtin Herman of Great Barrington. The little girl is a granddaughter of John and Davena Curtin of Tyringham, great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Stanton of this town. She weighed in at 7 lbs, 12.5 oz.

Myrtle is taking tranquilizer pills as she hears that the dear old bird is coming five times more before 1961 and twice a bit later.

The ANNUAL EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS for pledges or contributions for the support of Union Church is being planned to take place in November, if not sooner. Such a canvass requires the unselfish devotion of several canvassers and particularly the giving to the Church as much as one feels one can afford -- or even more. No one but the Treasurer ever knows how much anyone gives and no one is forced to give,but it would be nice to know that every single member of Union Church does give something to help keep the Church going. The Finance Committee in charge of the canvass consists of Mrs. Percy Stanton, Mrs. Grace Slater, and Mrs. Helen Curtin. Mr. William Dyer, Treasurer, works with this Committee. The Church would greatly appreciate any contributions from those interested in the Church, though not members.

Mrs. Hazel Granger VanOrman, widow of Chester VanOrman, died suddenly Sunday, July 31, at Pittsfield General Hospital. Mrs. VanOrman was a member of Union Church, a native of Tyringham. She served faithfully her church and community and was the Circulation Manager of TYRINGHAM TOPICS. Her funeral took place on Wednesday, August 3, in Union Church and burial was in our cemetery on the hill. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Douglas Eddy of Pittsfield, three sons, Gordon of Tyringham; Sidney, a Sergeant in the U. S. Marines at Quantico, Virginia, and Dudley in the U.S. Air Force in San Antonio, Texas; and two brothers, Ralph Granger of Mill River and George Granger of Orlando, Florida.

Arnold and Willis Hale, Roger Logan, Kenneth Jones, George Hale, William Dyer and son, Arthur, have rebuilt the steps in the banking along Church Road and hope in the near future to rebuild in stone and cement the side steps going up to the church porch. Norman Day, our private architect, designed these steps.

We apologize to the wives on our mailing list, as this time only the husband's name is on the address sticker due to lack of room. This does not mean that we consider HIM the boss of the house (we're too smart for that) nor does it mean that you can't open the envelope and read this.

The Hop Brook Club Annual Fair and Rummage Sale were great successes and brought in a total of $385.

Myrtle, the Turtle, wishes to be known hereafter as "Myrtle, the Tyrtle" spelt that way. She thinks it more distinctive and gives her prestige.

By the way, she saw Pete Curtin in his new small car tother day and it was spitting and sputtering, jerking along so she suggested to him that he pick it up, put it over his shoulder, and burp it. So he did. And it worked! Pete ought to have known by now!

Beverly Dyer is taking up nursing, studying at Pittsfield General Hospital's Bishop Memorial School of Nursing. This past summer, she brought distinction to Tyringham by winning a 4-H club price in dressmaking.

One of Myrtle, the Tyrtle's friends at Goose Pond told her about a young Tyringham housewife who was going to do some water skiing. BUT, sitting down on the dock to take off, a nail wove itself into her bathing suit, and....That's all for now!

On August 24, the Photo Clubs of the Tyringham Community Center assisted by General Reber's kindness in helping out in transportation, enjoyed a trip to Mystic Seaport in Old Mystic, Connecticut. Besides the good General, the following went: Peggy Reber, Maryellen Buckley, Susan Cabral, Shaun Smith, Jon and Alan Kraszeski, Tommy Viner, Kenneth Jones, Jr., Donald Davis, Jr., Arthur Dyer and Walter Palmer. About every house in Tyringham and various views of the valley can be produced in various sizes or on postcards by club members, proceeds to go to the club and the Church.

Tyringham Night was held on August 31 with about sixty in attendance. Pictures of Tyringham scenes were shown on color slides, with black & white or color, posted on the walls for exhibition. Refreshments were served by the Tyringham Valley Civic Association.

Mrs. Louise Hiscox will leave late in November for Phoenix, Arizona, to be with her son and his family, who have moved there from their former home on Long Island. But, she'll be back with us in the spring. Seeing she is going out to the wild and wooly west, Myrtle thought it a nice idea for Tyringham folks to buy her a pair of chaps, a plaid shirt, a sombrero, neckerchief and two six-shooters! (Myrtle thinks of the nicest things!)

Mr. and Mrs. William Leipzig recently presented the Church an electric stove, four-burner and large oven, which will come in very useful for our church suppers. We greatly appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Henning Carlson, Jr., is Asst. Manager of the Lee High School football team. Arthur Dyer, Jon Kraszeski and Kenneth Jones play in the High School Band.

Thanks to the kindness of General Miles Reber, who is always doing something for somebody, bless him, seven young men and Charlie Johnson, an older boy, are going to West Point to see the cadets play and drill on October 22.

We are very happy to report that Don and Anne Davis of the Tyringham Galleries have had a most successful and profitable season. Ann's tearoom, a new venture, added much to the season.

On August 8, the following received Red Cross swimming certificates from Miss Elizabeth Ashe of Dalton: Beginner awards went to Darlene Curtin, Donald Cernik and Martha Birkett; Intermediate awards to Richard deSousa, Christine Hale, Susan Cabral and Nancy Kraszeski; and Swimmer Awards to Dennis Whalen, Peggy Reber, Karen Winters and Myrtle, the Tyrtle. Mrs. Neil Curtin is Tyringham's Red Cross Swimming Committee Chairman.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. John Heath, who, on September 25, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Heath is a native of Monterey and Mr. Heath of Tyringham. The couple have three children: Mrs. Victor Blache of Lee, Robert Heath of East Longmeadow and John Heath, Jr., of Lee. We look forward now to their 75th.

As we conclude this issue, we are unable to find out the date and plans for "Trick or Treat for Unicef" but it will doubtless take place around Hallowe'en.

We had purposely kept to the last any news we might have of Tyringham boys in the Armed Forces, but little do we have. Probably they're too busy getting ready to knock the props out from under Nikita, should the occasion arise.

Tyringham has sent another young man into the Army: Edward Choquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Choquette, entered the Army last month and is taking his basic at Fort Dix. Pvt. Bruce Logan is at Fort Stewart, Georgia. Donald Birkett, A/2c, is over in England, and Gerry Clark is still in Korea, but expected back home pretty soon. These last two are the only ones now overseas. A/2c James DuVernois is in Peru, Indiana, and A/2c Gerry Twing, coming home soon, too, is in Charleston, South Carolina. A/2c Dud VanOrman is in Lackland AFB, Texas, and PFC Ronald Loring in the Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The rankingest of them all, Marine Sgt. Sid VanOrman is, at last accounts, in Quantico, Virginia. He and his good wife and two kids -- we mean "children" -- live in the nearby town of Woodbridge.

In closing, may we remind you all that TYRINGHAM TOPICS comes out in October, January, April and July, and we'd appreciate it if you summer residents would send in news of yourselves -- if our Servicemen would tell us what they're doing, and if all you year-round residents would give us news of your organization activities. Come time to write this newsletter to you all and poor Myrtle, the Tyrtle, is all worn out picking up news tidbits here and there. It's hard for a turtle to cover a lot of ground!!

Yours for Tyringham,

F.L.C.

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P.S. Changes of address should now be sent to Mrs. Larry Cernik, Tyringham, who has taken over the mailing of this quarterly newsletter. Mrs. Cernik is a typist and has a typewriter and is close by to Hop Brook and Myrtle,

-and-

Happy Holidays to you all ... Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years!

F.L.C.

(and me too....Myrtle)

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WINTER ISSUE

Dear Folks:

Greetings and a Very Happy New Year to you all! It is good to talk to you again, if only on paper. And we have a lot to tell you, so we may as well get started.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Church in Tyringham took place last Wednesday, January 11, at which the following officers and committee members were elected:- Moderator (1 yr.) Arnold Hale; Clerk (1 yr.) Holly Darey; Treasurer (1 yr.) William Dyer; Auditor (1 yr.) Everett Fennelly; Deacon (3 yrs.) Arnold Hale; Deaconess (3 yrs.) Mary Hale; Sunday School Supt. (1 yr.) Elizabeth (Jule) Hale; Asst. S.S.Supt. (1 yr.) Helen Curtin; Trustee (3 yrs.) Fred Judd; Members-at-large, Church Committee (1 yr.) Norman Day and George Hale; Finance Committee (3 yrs.) Grace Slater. Mr. and Mrs. William Dyer were elected as Lay Delegates to represent us at church conventions, along with the Pastor.

Various reports of church organizations showed that our Church is very active and alive. It is impossible to give all these reports, but we would like to tell you of some of our activities. Outstanding was the report of the Sunday School,under Mrs. Willis Hale, which has a membership of 38 with a most remarkable attendance record as well. The teachers are, starting with the beginners Ages 3 - 5, Mrs. Kenneth Jones; Primary 1 (first graders) Mrs. Peter Curtin; Primary 2 (2nd graders) Mrs. Norman Day; Junior 1 (3rd and 4th graders) Mrs. Neil Curtin; Junior 2 (5th thru 7th graders) Mrs. Willis Hale; Intermediate (or teen group) Mrs. Michael Winters. Members of the latter class help with younger groups at times. It was this group that put on a food sale recently to raise funds to pay the postage for mailing over 100 old hymn books to a university chapel in the Philippines. Sunday School collections amounted to $113.82 in 1960 and it spent $114.66. Some of the teachers provide extras for the children from time to time. The whole staff is deeply interested in the work of the school and, as Mrs. Hale, the Superintendent, mentioned, it is most gratifying to have the backing of the parents of the children. We can well be proud of our Sunday School.

Briefly, as to other reports: The report of the Treasurer showed that we are running close to our budget, skimping where we must. (But, one great expense we must take on shortly, by next summer at the latest, is a new boiler. The present one, converted from coal to oil, is most inadequate and incapable of furnishing heat enough on a fairly cold day. It is costly to run also. In addition, two new ducts should be added. Three Sundays this winter, the congregation and the preacher felt as the Pilgrims must have felt in church back in 1620 at Plymouth during that hard winter. Even Myrtle, the Tyrtle, squatting on one of the registers,

was cold!)

The Finance Committee reported a successful drive,with loose ends yet to be gathered in, so most current expenses are OK, providing our pledgees and contributors continue as in the past. It was reported that for missions, with the aid of the Hope Brook Club, $25 was sent to Hospital for Women in Korea; $25 for Ministry to Migrant Workers in the U.S.; a complete layette for a cold climate was assembled; and materials amounting to the value of $172.75 went to a Cottonwood School in Alabama. $130.55 was used by the Church for its quota of missions in the training field and the Church has given over 100 hymn books, used but in good condition, to a Philippine University, as mentioned earlier. We cannot give much in money to missions, but we can give gifts of clothing, books, and other materials.

The Clerk reported that there were two baptisms, two new members by profession of faith and three by letter from other churches in 1960. In the past year, the Church lost three members through death. There were no marriages in 1960, which is quite unusual, and worries Myrtle.

The Minister has been on the air, both on Station WSBS in Great Barrington, and Station WBRK in Pittsfield, about twelve times.

Mrs. Connie Dyer and Mrs. Grace Slater were in charge of the supper preceding the meeting.

Now about Tyringham news in general: We have a lot to tell you. Since our October issue, Tyringham has gained four new young citizens and Lee, one, with a Tyringham father. KERRY LOUISE CLARK, daughter of Wilbur and Irma Clark, Jr., arrived on November 1 in Pittsfield. Soon after, on November 7 (not in time to vote for Mr. Kennedy) JOHN FRANCIS DE SOUSA was born in Pittsfield to George and Ruth deSousa . (Mrs. deSousa, being Chairman of Tyringham's Democrats, we don't have to tell you where the young man got his first name.) Then, next day, James and Kathy Curtin of Lee became the proud parents of a little girl, DENISE MARIE CURTIN. Six days later, November 14, the stork flew low again and EVERETT RICHARD FENNELLY arrived in Pittsfield, son of Everett and Mary Ann Fennelly. (By this time, poor Myrtle's nerves were shattered by the almost constant flapping of stork wings, only to be excited once more when the stork flew over on his way to Pittsfield to bring GORDON GLENN VANORMAN, JR. to Gordon and Kate VanOrman on Dec. 11.

[illegible] right on the job over in England, and we have the pleasure of telling you that Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Taylor of Cinderford, Gloucester, England, announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlene, to A/2c Donald C. Birkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Birkett of Tyringham. The wedding is scheduled for early in February.

There was a wedding in Weston ,Vermont, December 30 of last year, of interest to Tyringham when Rustin Carey McIntosh of Tyringham and New York and Nadia Dushkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dushkin of Kinhaven, Vermont, were married. Carey, as many know, graduated from Pomfret School and Harvard, Class of 1955, then attended Christ's College in Cambridge, England, where he received his degree in 1959. He is now Asst. Dean of Freshmen at Harvard. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh whom we all know. Mrs. Carey McIntosh graduated from Smith College, studied at the Russian Institute of Columbia University, and was a member of the staff in the publishing house of David MacKay. (Welcome to Tyringham, Mrs. Carey McIntosh.)

With the happy news, we have to tell , there seems to be sad news now and then also. Such is the case in this issue as we note the deaths of three dear friends. Mrs. Harry (Nema) Holloway, widowed last March by the death of her husband, died October 18, 1960, in Stamford, Connecticut. She was a member of Union Church and well-known for years in Tyringham where she lived with her family at their home, "Tamarack," on Fernside Road. She leaves two sons, John of Chicago, George of New Canaan, Conn., and a daughter, Mrs. Edward Herndon of New Canaan,and five grandchildren. Her funeral was held October 23 in Union Church with burial in the cemetery on the hill beside her late husband and son.

Percy L. Stanton, 77, died suddenly January 5, 1961, in Tyringham, where he spent most of his life. At one time, he was in the lumber business and of late years he was caretaker of Mrs. Bayard James' estate. He was a member of the Housatonic Lodge of Masons. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Isabella Stanton; a son, Perrin of Tyringham; two daughters, Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham and Mrs. Charles McCarthy of Glens Falls, N.Y.; a brother, Frank, of Putnam, Conn., and 12 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. The funeral was held in Union Church Sunday, January 8, with burial in Tyringham cemetery. Mrs. Stanton would like to take this opportunity to express her gratitude to everyone for the many kindnesses extended to the family. It has been very much appreciated.

Mrs. Blanche Garfield Rouse, 87, widow of Alton Rouse, died January 6 in Tyringham after a long illness. She was the last survivor of the four Garfield sisters. At one time she taught school in Brooklyn, N.Y., Canaan, Conn., Norfolk, Conn., and Tyringham. She was a longtime member of Union Church and active for years in the Hop Brook Club. She leaves a niece, Miss Carolyn Garfield Canon of Tyringham, two nephews, J. Northrup Canon of Tyringham and W. Garfield Canon of Lee. Her funeral was held Monday, Jan. 9, in Union Church with burial in Tyringham cemetery.

Tyringham School, under the able and devoted guidance of Mrs. Welch, the teacher, reports that at the September meeting of the '59ers Club, John Curtin was elected President, Richard deSousa, Vice-President; Cynthia Bickford, Secretary, and Darleen Curtin, Treasurer. Pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln have been purchased and hung on the walls of the school by the Club, which also purchased two Christmas books and a Santa Claus Chimney for use at their annual Christmas Party in the Town Hall, which, by the way, was its usual tremendous success. The School received a gift of a picture of Sir Galahad, the noblest of the Knights of King Arthur's Round Table. A mid-year spelling test was a success, for the lowest mark scored was 86. The following pupils passed in PERFECT papers: Stephen Hale and Janice Whalen of Grade 3; Martha Birkett, Richard Cernik, Darleen Curtin and Sharon Rowley, Grade 4; Cynthia Bickford and John Curtin, Grade 5. We understand that the 24-hour virus bug ruined the attendance record of the school!

Hallowe'en and the political campaign were both observed in Tyringham, apparently jointly, for names of national candidates were painted on barns and sheds about town and can still be observed. We trust that the rigors of a Berkshire Winter will wipe them away by spring. As for the election itself, the town went overwhelmingly Republican as usual. But, somehow, that had no influence whatsoever on the national scene. Tyringham voted dry also. (Ed. Note:- A Tyringham man, Walter Howard, worked at Kennedy Headquarters during the campaign. We more or less expected to see him as a possible cabinet choice or to head up some organization of the new administration, but our hopes for him did not materialize. W-e-l-l-l-l----after all, he is a Yale man, so that may explain it! Sorry, Walter)

The Hop Brook Community Club met on January 4 and elected the following officers for 1961:- President, Georgia Birkett; Vice-President, Reba Babb; Secretary, Mrs. Emmy Kaiser; Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Slater. In appreciation for her long service as Secretary, Mrs. Jesse Hale was elected Honorary Secretary.

In case you haven't heard, "Orchard House" has been sold by the Barhydts to Captain and Mrs. Darrell Davis from Ohio. Captain Davis is stationed in Puerto Rico with the U.S. Air Force. They have two children, a boy and a girl, ages 13 and 15, (but which is which, we know not). It is expected that they will occupy the house next spring.

By the way, through some oversight, we have neglected to welcome Mr. and Mrs. George Kaiser and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heath and family to Tyringham. The Kaisers live in the house formerly occupied by the Lucyan Kraszeskis on the Louis Weitzman estate, where Mr. Kaiser is employed. And the Heaths live on Breakneck Road in the house owned and occupied by the Van Deusens. We warmly welcome both families to our Valley.

The deer season came and went without a great deal of success for Tyringham hunters. The lucky ones in 1960 were Betty Cernik, Harrison Swart, Harry Loring, Edward Fennelly and Kenneth Winters.

Mrs. Cele Ford and daughter, Josie (legally known as Mrs. Cecile Marie Ford and Josiane Louise Marcelle Ford), both formerly from Belgium, became citizens of the United States on November 17, 1960, and we are glad to hail them as fellow-citizens.

Just after the first real storm of the winter, Arnold and Willis Hale, George Hale, Roger Logan and Mike Winters laid the foundations for new, broad stone steps to replace the old side steps of the Church. They also widened previously the stone steps sunk in the bank of the lawn. They surmounted all sorts of obstacles on a bitter cold Saturday and built temporary wooden steps as well. The Church is also grateful to Ken Jones, Norm Day and Bill Dyer for getting on some plastic storm windows to combat the cold winds that blow up from the valley and into the Church. We are grateful to Mr. John Rudd and Mr. Charles Spoerl for stone furnished.

Speaking of the first blizzard that hit us on December 12 with from 8 - 10 inches of snow --- it was a real storm -- the sort of storm only Volkswagens could navigate in!

Willis Hale had a narrow escape from demolition on New Years Day when he had his clothes almost completely torn off. The cuffs of his trousers caught in the power take-off on the tractor. He suffered a sprained ankle, lacerations and burns,besides being exposed to the zero air. It took several hours to "defrost" him, but, being a hardy New Englander, he recovered quickly. Willis is thinking about organizing a Polar Bear Club in Tyringham to bathe in Hop Brook on New Years Day, such as these other Polar Bear Clubs do in the Hudson and Charles Rivers.

Pvt. Edward Choquette (Fort Dix), Pfc. Bruce Logan (Fort Stewart, Ga.), A/2c Dudley VanOrman (Lackland AFB, Texas), Sgt. and Mrs. Sidney VanOrman and Holly and Scott (Fort LeJeune, N.C.) were all home for the holidays. (While home, Scott Robert VanOrman was baptized in Union Church.) Unable to get home were A/2c Donald Birkett in England; A/2c James DuVernois and family at Bunker Hill AFB, Peru, Indiana; Pfc.

Gerald Clark, with the Army in Korea (due home early in year); Pfc. Ronald Loring, with the Marines down in the Caribbean keeping an eye on Fidel probably; and Gerald Twing, Charleston AFB, S.C. (due home in 1961 also). A former Tyringham boy, now living in Lee, Jimmy Burdick of the Coast Guard, was home over the holidays.

The Clifford Canon farm is for sale. Mrs. Canon has moved to Lee, taking an apartment in that town. We miss her.

Mrs. Sidney Howard is back from a trip to Europe in the late fall, travelling through Portugal and Spain with her daughter, Maggie, who is now working for the winter in the ski resort of St. Anton in Austria.

Romance has come to Tyringham ------ and just when the Parson was bewailing the fact that there were no weddings in 1960. A young six year old miss phoned us that she, at long last, had acquired a boy friend. It seems that she has been seeking this young man, also six, for some time, but another damsel had him in her clutches. Nothing daunted, however, our informant proposed to him on the bus, even though it isn't Leap Year. Much to her surprise, the young man accepted her and sealed it all by kissing her on the end of her nose! You might call it a school buss on a school bus -- or would you? Oh, well, Spring is not far off when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, and why shouldn't a young maid get a head start, if she so wishes! (Myrtle is delighted about it all -- she expects to be the flower girl!)

And, in closing, let us tell you that Myrtle, the Tyrtle, is also feeling romantic. A Tyringham friend in Florida sent a clipping about a "Peninsular Cooter Land-Turtle (whatever that is) named Oscar, that had escaped from the Science Center in St. Petersburg. Oscar has a 14 inch long shell that is 11 inches wide and is supposed to be the second largest turtle in captivity. When we passed the news on to Myrtle, she became all excited -- she was sure Oscar was coming north to court her. But, alas, someone found Oscar, compass in his claw, heading towards Tyringham, but still in St. Pete, and took him back to the Science Center. So now Myrtle wants to stow away in our baggage when we leave for St. Pete on vacation the middle of February.

Thats all for now,

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

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SPRING ISSUE

Dear Folks:

Winter at long last is gone (We think!) and "The Voice of the Turtle is heard in the land. (Myrtle thinks this quote refers to her.) It's good to sit down and write you all again and try to bring you up to date on Tyringham and what's been going on. We don't seem to have very much saved up to tell you, but we'll do what we can.

Our town had quite a winter -- along with the rest of the Berkshires. Lots of snow -- 20 inches on the 19th of January -- and the state had to send in a plow to dig out the road to Monterey -- town plow could not handle it, but signs were posted warning everyone not to attempt to use it. Fred Loring and his crew deserve great credit for the way they kept the roads cleared and sanded. It was cold, too -- below zero weather for a continuous 18 days. One day it hit 38 below! The writer, in passing through New York City February 13, almost suggested to Mayor Wagner that he ask Tyringham to send down Fred Loring and his men to show New York how to clean up the streets! (Cars everywhere buried over their tops). Never saw my native city in such a condition. (Please note: I wasn't around in 1888's blizzard.)

Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter were observed in Union Church. The Church was filled for Easter. On Good Friday, we received into our Fellowship Mrs. Sinove Nuyt, Mrs. Cecile Ford and her daughter, Josie Ford, who, in World War II were residents of Belgium and endured all sorts of hardships and dangers. We are so glad to have them with us.

Richard Birkett has been elected as a Member-at-Large of the Church Committee. George Hale was elected as Chairman of the Church Committee, and the following sub-committees were appointed: Missionary, Norman Day, Chm., Grace Slater, Evelyn Winters; Music, Lois Kraszeski, Chm., Carolyn Canon, Alice Hale; Social Action, Ruth DuVernois, Chm., Constance Dyer, Patricia Clark; Religious Education, Jule Hale, Helen Curtin, Alberta Jones.

A son, Richard Lee DuVernois, arrived March 2, 1961, in Indiana to Mr. and Mrs. James DuVernois. The youngster weighed in for his contest with the world at 9 lbs. 7 oz. The father is an A/2c stationed at Bunker Hill AFB, Peru, Indiana. The grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. DuVernois of Tyringham.

On April 10, a son joined the family of Peter and Deanna Williamson Curtin of Tyringham. The young man weighed 10-1/2 lbs. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson of Stockbridge. As we write this, his name has not yet been decided upon. (Note: Myrtle, the Turtle, was so overcome at hearing the

weight of Tyringham's newest citizen that she had to take a tranquillizer pill.)

Myrtle informs us that she hears the fluttering of storks wings heading towards a neighboring town where a former Tyringham resident and his family live, so we may have further news before we go on the mimeograph. (Myrtle adds that she expects to hear the stork overhead three more times before fall.)

Another wedding of interest to Tyringham took place in Cinderford, Gloucester, England, on February 18 in St. Stephen's Church when our Donald C. Birkett, A/2c was married to Miss Arlene Taylor of 20 Ashmead Road, Cinderford. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Taylor, and Don, as we all know is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett of Tyringham. Don's mother, Georgia, flew over to attend the wedding. The trip over was a bit upsetting (to put it mildly) but she had a good time doing England. She decided no more air travel for her, so she returned by ship. Now she has decided on no more water travel either. (The writer is one who can understand most sympathetically how she felt.)

On Sunday, April 9, two memorial silver candlesticks for our communion table in Union Church were dedicated. They are placed there in loving memory of four sisters, all of whom were members of Union Church. They were Abigail Garfield Canon, Lena Garfield, Fannie Garfield Hale and Blanche Garfield Rouse.

We used to hear quite often on the radio the words "This is Blaine Littell...." Now it is of interest to note that Mr. Littell and his family, summer residents in Tyringham, have left for Nairobi, Kenya, Africa, where Mr. Littell will be South African correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System. His assignment is for two years and we wish him and his family the best of everything as they take up this post in a hot spot in more ways than one.

Hop Brook Community Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Jessie Hale in honor of her birthday. All Tyringham, we are sure, wish her many happy returns of the day.

Another GOLDEN WEDDING Open House is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward McCarthy. Congratulations and best wishes to them on their great day. And may they continue to live happily together and celebrate their Diamond Wedding Day!

Hop Brook Club has re-elected Mrs. Richard Birkett as its President. Mrs. Reba Babb is Vice-President, Mrs, George Kaiser is Secretary, and Mrs. Duane Slater is Treasurer. Mrs. Jessie Hale, Secretary for 22 years, is Honorary Secretary.

Mrs. Carl (Dianne Birkett) Butler, a former member of Union Church, has transferred her church membership to the First Presbyterian Church in Pine Plains, N.Y., where she now resides.

Tyringham has held and survived its annual town meeting. As is true of all town meetings, there were contests for office and there were arguments over this and that, but the glory of Tyringham, as of our country itself, is that after elections are all over, bitter feelings, for the most part, are forgotten and everyone pitches in to work and live together in harmony.

We purposely keep out of politics, both in campaigning or in comments, so we will tell you how the elections came out without any comments thereon. The Selectment elected were: Arnold Hale, Roger Logan and Charles Slater. Mrs. Larry Cernik was elected Tax Collector,

and Mrs. George deSousa to the School Committee. The foregoing were all contested. Those elected without opposition were: Charles Slater, Moderator; George deSousa, Treasurer; Harry Loring, Cemetery Trustee; William Gelschleichter, Auditor; George deSousa, Park Commissioner; Mary Curtin, Library Trustee, and Charles Johnson, Assessor. It should be mentioned here that Mrs. Percy Stanton, who had served on the School Committee for 29 years, did not run for reelection. We feel that she should be commended for her faithful and whole-hearted service over the years.

Tyringham again has a Scout Troop. During the Annual Blue and Gold Banquet of Cub Pack 40, Raymond Lovely, Asst. Scout Executive of Berkshire Council, presented a charter for Troop 40, Boy Scouts, to Kenneth Jones, Scoutmaster. Best wishes to the new Scoutmaster and his Troop. At the Banquet, awards were made to Richard Cernik, Richard deSousa, and Gary Davis for "Genius Night" projects. Arrow points were awarded to Cubs Gary Davis, Stephen Hale, Peter Day and John Curtin. Cubmaster Norman Day was in charge of the event, which included special awards to Mrs. William Dyer and her son, Arthur, for their outstanding work with the Cubs.

Gilly Palmer, while at work, met with a very painful accident when he caught his right hand in a saw and lost his index finger and parts of two others. It is rumored that he and Eddie Fennelly are going to organize a "Lost Finger Club." Their theme song will be "The Last Time I Saw Fingers."

Miss Beverly Dyer, a student nurse at Pittsfield General Hospital, was "capped" Feb. 17 at a service in North Junior High in Pittsfield. She is the daughter of Scout Executive and Mrs. William Dyer.

Mary and Carl Curtin have been spending the past two weeks in Florida and Nassau. Their two sons, Carl, Jr., and Gene, took over in relays so that their father could get away from "the store."

We received a good letter from the Captain Darrell Davis family in Puerto Rico. Mrs. Davis wrote that they looked forward to coming and opening their new home. Through the letter also, we were introduced to Miss Karen Davis (15) and Mr. James Davis (13) whose names we did not know for the last TOPICS. We are sending them some literature about Tyringham. We look forward to meeting the whole family.

On Wednesday evening, April 5, another honor came to Tyringham, when Miss Alice Hale was installed as Worthy Matron of Morning Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Lee. She succeeds another Tyringhamite, Mrs. Ruth DuVernois, who is now Past Worthy Matron. (Congratulations and Best Wishes to you, Alice.)

A TURKEY SUPPER (and all that goes with it) will be served Tuesday, April 18, starting at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Center. The supper is for the benefit of Union Church. Adults will be well-filled for $1.50 and children under 12, likewise, for $1.00. It is a public supper to which anyone with an appetite is invited.

No particular news about most of our boys in the Armed Forces except to say that all of them are on the job and watching Mr. Khrushhev and Mao Tse Tung closely to see that they don't put anything over, if they can help it. But we can tell you that early in February,

Eddie Choquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Choquette, sailed for Germany and is looking after affairs over there.

Soon after Eddie left, Gerry Clark arrived home after two years in Korea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Clark (Wilber, Jr.) and is now stationed at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Ronnie Loring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loring, returned in February (we think) from service with the Marines in the Carribean area.

All we know about the others is that Don Birkett is in England (see page 2); Jim DuVernois is in Indiana; Bruce Logan is in Georgia; Gerald Twing, soon to be discharged, is in South Carolina; Dud VanOrman is in Texas; his brother, Sid and family, in North Carolina.

Alas and Alack! To all of you who were so interested in Myrtle, the Turtyle, we have shocking news for you. Her romance with Oscar, the Peninsular Land-Turtle of St. Petersburg, Florida, is blasted! Myrtle, you remember, wanted to go down and see him when she heard he had escaped from the Science Center and was headed (she figured) to see her. Prepare for a jolt, good friends. Oscar was captured and returned to the Science Center, where, shortly after, "he" laid 20 eggs! It was a severe shock to Myrtle and she is very despondent, so please don't mention the name of Oscar --- or Oscaretta, as the name now is.

Guess that's all for now. Hope we haven't missed anything.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

P.S. That stork arrived April 11 and brought a little daughter to Edwin and Betty Williams Twing of Great Barrington. The young lady is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Twing, Sr., of Tyringham, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of South Lee.

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SUMMER ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

HERE WE ARE AGAIN, AND MANY OF YOU SUMMER RESIDENTS WITH US, BUT SOME ARE STILL MISSING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM. OUR RENOWNED TYPIST, MISS AGNES CURTIN, WHO USUALLY CUTS OUR STENCILS, IS UP TO HER EARS IN WORK SO THIS ISSUE IS OURS TO GET OUT COMPLETELY--WITH THE HELP OF MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, OF COURSE.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, WE DEDICATED THE HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL TOWER MUSIC SYSTEM, GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE LATE HARRY AND NEMA HOLLOWAY, BY THEIR CHILDREN. THE FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS OCCUPIED "TAMARACK", THEIR HOME ON FERNSIDE. MR. AND MRS. HOLLOWAY WERE MEMBERS OF UNION CHURCH AND THEIR GRAVES ARE IN THE LITTLE CEMETERY ON THE HILL NEAR THE CHURCH. THE MEMORIAL CONSISTS OF A RECORD PLAYER THAT CAN BE USED EITHER AUTOMATICALLY BY A CLOCK OR MANUALLY. THE VOLUME IS BUILT UP ELECTRONICALLY, THE SACRED MUSIC BEING SENT OUT OVER THE VALLEY THROUGH FOUR LOUD SPEAKERS IN THE TOWER. HYMNS PLAYED BY CHIME, AND VIBRAHARP (OR ORGAN IF DESIRED) ARE PLAYED EACH SUNDAY BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH AND ON EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK AT 6.00 P.M. THIS "MINISTRY OF MUSIC" HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED BY ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN TYRINGHAM AND IT WILL BE MORE AND MORE APPRECIATED AS TIME GOES ON WHEN CHRISTMAS CAROLS, EASTER MUSIC AND PATRIOTIC AIRS ARE PLAYED. THE TONE IS VERY BEAUTIFUL AND MOST MELODIC. A NUMBER HAVE ASKED THAT THE HYMNS BE PLAYED FOR 15 MINUTES EACH DAY INSTEAD OF JUST FOR FIVE.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, THE CHURCH SCHOOL OBSERVED CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WITH A PROGRAM BY THE CHILDREN AND AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, MRS. WILLIS HALE. ARTHUR DYER, JON KRASZESKI, ALAN KRASZESKI, KENNETH JONES PLAYED TROMBONE, TRUMPET AND CLARINET, WHILE DALE MARTIN ACCOMPANIED ON THE ACCORDION AND RAMONDA BICKFORD ON THE ORGAN. (THEY WERE SUPER!)

AT THIS TIME, THE FOLLOWING WERE BAPTIZED BY THE PASTOR:- JANE ELLEN TWING AND LINDA MARIE TWING, DAUGHTERS OF EDWIN W. AND BETTY WILLIAMS TWING OF GREAT BARRINGTON; KERRY LOUISE CLARK, DAUGHTER OF WILBUR S.JR AND IRMA LAURENTI CLARK; AND GORDON GLENN VANORMAN, JR. SON OF GORDON G AND KATHLEEN EDDY VANORMAN.

THE USUAL SERIES OF SUPPERS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH STARTED WITH A TURKEY SUPPER IN APRIL. IN MAY, THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH, PREPARED A "FREE WILL OFFERING SUPPER" WITH NO SET PRICE THOSE COMING PAYING WHATEVER THEY WISHED.(WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, SHELLED OUT!) ON JUNE 27TH, OUR SIXTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL WAS SERVED. ALL THREE SUPPERS WERE A GREAT SUCCESS WITH LARGE CROWDS AND GOODLY PROFITS RESULTING.

THE DATE FOR OUR SIXTH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH BY THE FAMOUS BARBECUE CHEFS, BILL DYER AND GENERAL MILES REBER.

SINCE OUR APRIL ISSUE, MYRTLE'S NERVES HAVE BEEN UPSET THREE TIMES BY THE FLAPPING OF STORKS' WINGS. ON JUNE 5TH, THIS NON-JET-PROPELLED BIRD BROUGHT JACKIE BUD ARMSTRONG,(8LBS1OZ) TO MR. AND MRS. CHARLES ARMSTRONG OF EAST LEE, FORMER TYRINGHAMSTERS. THEN ON JULY 2ND, A DAUGHTER ARRIVED WEIGHING 7½ LBS, CATHERINE BY NAME, TO MR. AND MRS. NORMAN DAY. (MYRTLE IS QUITE CONFUSED. SHE FIGURES THAT BEING THE FIFTH CHILD THAT MAKES A FAMILY OF SEVEN DAYS AND MYRTLE JUST CAN'T FIGURE HOW TO SPEAK OF THE FAMILY AS A WHOLE.) ON JULY 13TH, RICHARD AND DOROTHY LORING WELCOMED EDWARD ALFRED LORING (7LBS.13OZ). ALL THREE BABIES WERE BORN IN PITTSFIELD AND ALL THE PARENTS ARE MEMBERS OF OF UNION CHURCH. (MYRTLE THINKS THAT COMPLETES THE SCHEDULE OF THE STORK AND SHE CAN PUT ASIDE HER TRANQUILIZER PILLS BUT LITTLE DOES SHE KNOW!)

A WEDDING OF INTEREST TO TYRINGHAM TOOK PLACE ON JULY 1ST WHEN MISS PENELOPE PLATT, DAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS GEOFFREY PLATT OF MT. KISCOE, N.Y. WAS MARRIED TO WALTER DAMROSCH LITTELL, SON OF MR AND MRS ROBERT LITTELL OF PARIS AND TYRINGHAM. MRS. LITTELL IS A RECENT GRADUATE OF RADCLIFFE AND A TEACHER IN THE DALTON SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK. SHE IS A GRANDAUGHTER OF JOSEPH H. CHOATE, ONE-TIME U.S.AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT OF ST. JAMES IN LONDON. MR. LITTELL IS A GRADUATE OF HARVARD AND IS A REPORTER FOR THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE (OUR FAVORITE NEW YORK NEWSPAPER.) HIS FATHER IS A SENIOR EDITOR ON THE STAFF OF THE READER'S DIGEST. HIS GRANDFATHER WAS THE LATE WALTER DAMROSCH, THE ORCHESTRAL DIRECTOR, AND HIS GREAT GRANDFATHERS WERE THE LATE DR. LEOPOLD DAMROSCH, FOUNDER OF THE NEW YORK SYMPHONY AND ORATORIO SOCIETIES AND THE LATE JAMES G. BLAINE, SECRETERY OF STATE UNDER PRESIDENTS GARFIELD AND HARRISON. THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE IN ST. MATHHEWS CHURCH. THE BRIDEGROOM'S BROTHER BLAINE LITTELL, SOUTH AFRICAN CORRESPONDENT FOR THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, FLEW FROM AFRICA TO ACT AS BEST MAN; ANOTHER BROTHER, PHILIP, WAS AN USHER AS WAS ALSO A COUSIN, WALTER HOWARD -- ALL FAMILAR NAMES IN TYRINGHAM.

EARLY IN THE SPRING THE ENGAGEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED OF MARILYN DECKER, DAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS MAURICE DECKER OF LEE TO TERRENCE CURTIN, SON OF MR AND MRS JOHN CURTIN OF TYRINGHAM.

THEN CAME THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ENGAGEMENT OF EUGENIE DUMAUX RUDD, DAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS JOHN RUDD OF PRINCETON AND TYRINGHAM TO GERALD JAMES FAWCETT OF TRUMAN, MINN. SON OF THE LATE MR. AND MRS. DONALD N. FAWCETT. MISS RUDD GRADUATED LAST MONTH FROM RADCLIFFE AND MR. FAWCETT IS ATTENDING HARVARD.

AND THE ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN RECENTLY ANNOUNCED OF MARJORIE ROGERS KENISTON, DAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS HAYWARD KENNISTON OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN TO JOHN RICHARD MCINTOSH, SON OF DR. AND MRS. RUSTIN MCINTOSH OF NEW YORK AND TYRINGHAM. MISS KENISTON IS A RADCLIFFE JUNIOR AND MR. MCINTOSH IS A HARVARD SENIOR.

MRS. MAY SLATER KING, 93, OLDEST RESIDENT OF TYRINGHAM, WIDOW OF FRANK KING, DIED ON MAY 24. HER FUNERAL SERVICE WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF MRS. DUANE SLATER, WHERE SHE HAD LIVED FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, COMING HERE FROM BOSTON. SHE WAS BORN IN TYRINGHAM, OCTOBER 16,1867, THE DAUGHTER OF CHARLES AND AURELIA HUBBARD SLATER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, MISS OLIVE SLATER OF TYRINGHAM, A NEPHEW, 2 GRANDNEPHEW

We welcome to Tyringham, Captain and Mrs. Darrell Davis and their daughter Karen and son, Jimmy. They are spending the summer at their new home in Orchard House. Their other home is in Porto Rico where Captain Davis is stationed with the U.S.Air Force.

Also welcomed are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Birch and their small daughter, Rebecca. They are living in the former Arthur Gilmore house.

Tyringham had one graduate this year from Lee High School --- John Canon, who will enter Wentworth Institute in Boston this Fall. In a way, however, we can also claim Henrietta Armstrong of East Lee for that family lived here a short while ago.

Tyringham had its usual inspiring Memorial Day Exercises by the Tyringham School under the leadership of Mrs. Edward Welch, would that there were more teachers like her!. The Lee High Band gave a brief concert, also. For the first time in years the Exercises had to be held indoors in the Town Hall.

Speaking of the Lee High School Band, Tyringham has two boys who play in this great band --- Arthur Dyer on the trombone and Jon Kraszeski on the trumpet with another former Tyringhamster, Tommy Viner as a percussionist. On May 19th the band gave a joint concert with the Burrillville High School Band from Rhode Island in Lee High Schoool Auditorium. We went and enjoyed it immensely. Lee High, under the very capable leadership of Charles DiNuncio, has one of top High School Bands in the state.

Tyringham's Red Cross Drive, under the leadership of Mrs. John Curtin, and with a quota of $310. raised $444.50, thanks to all those who gave so generously, many Summer residents aiding materially. The Tyringham local canvassers were Mrs. Francis Darey, Mrs. Neil Curtin, Mrs. Harvey Choquette, Mrs. Donald Davis and Mrs. Richard Birkett.

Let's see what our men in the Armed Forces are doing:-

A/2c Donald Birkett has returned to England after a visit at his former home here.

Edward Choquette, over in Germany, glaring at Nikita, has been promoted to PFC in the Army

A/2c James DuVernois and family were recently visited by his mother, Mrs. Robert DuVernois of Tyringham.

Gerald Clark, is now a Sp/4 in the Army. He is back from setting things in Korea and is now stationed at White Sands Missile Base in New Mexico.

Bruce Logan, stationed with the Army at Fort Stewart in Georgia, has been promoted to Sp/4.

Ronald Loring, back from duty in the Carribean, is at Camp LeJeune. He is now a Corporal in the Marines.

A/2c Gerald Twing, now stationed at Charleston AFB, South Carolina, where he has served most of his time in the Air Force, will be discharged soon and we'll be happy to see him back again.

A/2c Dudley VanOrman is way off up in Iceland, watching the world situation from that vantage point. Dud writes that the thermometer registers between 40 and 50 most of the time so Iceland isn't much cooler than the Berkshires.

Sgt. George S. VanOrman (Sid) of the U.S.Marines flits here and there and "nuff sed". His wife, Mickey, and children are holding the fort in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TAKING PART IN MUSTERS THIS SUMMER AND THEIR PUMPING TEAM HAS WALKED OFF WITH SECOND PLACE AT GREAT BARRINGTON AND PITTSFIELD. DONALD HALE AND EDWARD FENNELLY ARE THE PUMPING TEAM CO-CAPTAINS AND THE TEAM IS COMPOSED OF EVERETT FENNELLY, PETER CURTIN, ROBERT CLARK, GEORGE HALE, NEIL CURTIN, KENNETH WINTERS, RICHARD LORING, JOSEPH WHALEN AND TOMMY CURTIN.

NOT SO LONG AGO WE READ A BOOK REVIEW BY WALTER HOWARD ABOUT HIS UNCLE'S (ROBERT LITTELL) RECENT BOOK TITLED "IT TAKES ALL KINDS." THE REVIEW ITSELF WAS SUPERBLY DONE AND WE DON'T DARE TO REVIEW THE BOOK HERE EXCEPT TO SAY THAT WE URGE EVERYONE WHO LIKES TO READ BOOKS BY MARVELLOUS STORY-TELLERS SHOULD READ "IT TAKES ALL KINDS." ONCE YOU TAKE IT UP TO READ IT IS ONE OF THOSE BOOKS THAT YOU CANNOT LAY ASIDE EASILY AND YOU NEGLECT DOING WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING TO KEEP ON READING IT. (THAT'S ONE REASON TRYINGHAM TOPICS IS A BIT LATE THIS ISSUE!) WHEN YOU FINISH READING THIS BOOK, YOU CAN EASILY IMAGINE YOU'VE BEEN IN VARIOUS SPOTS MENTIONED SO VIVID ARE THE DESCRIPTIONS. (MYRTLE, THE TURTLE SNEAKED A PEEK AT IT ONE DAY, THEN DASHED OUT TO DIG AROUND AND LOOK FOR TRUFFLES -- AND SHE ONLY READ THE FIRST STORY. MYRTLE FEELS A KINSHIP WITH THE AUTHOR FOR SHE REGARDS HERSELF AS THE "ROVING REPORTER OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS, JUST AS MR. LITTELL IS KNOWN AS ONE OF THE ROVING REPORTERS FOR THE READERS DIGEST.) CONGRATULATIONS, ROBERT LITTELL, FOR A GREAT BOOK!

WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT THAT MRS. HISCOX, WHO IN THE PAST HAS USUALLY ARRIVED BEFORE THE ROBINS, HAS FINALLY ARRIVE THOUGH A BIT LATE. RECENTLY AT A HOP BROOK MEETING WHEN THE CLUB WAS DISCUSSING WHERE TO SEND THEIR "HEIFER FUND", SHE IS QUOTED AS SAYING TO SEND IT ANYWHERE EXCEPT TO FRANCE BECAUSE WE JUST SENT JACQUELINE THERE! ---- THE REBER FAMILY WAS DELAYED TWO DAYS IN LEAVING PRINCETON FOR TYRINGHAM LAST MONTH. IT SEEMS THAT WHEN THEY WERE READY TO LEAVE, SKIPPY REBER, THEIR DOG, WAS NO WHERE TO BE FOUND. TWO DAYS LATER HE RETURNED ALL WORN OUT --- HE'D BEEN ATTENDING SOME CLASS REUNIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY! ------ AND MRS. PERCY STANTON, ON HEARING THAT A POLE CAT HAD TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN THE PARSONAGE CELLAR, EXCLAIMED, #MY THERE ARE MORE SKUNKS IN THAT PARSONAGE!" NOW WHAT DID SHE MEAN - AFTER ALL --- OH WELL -- MAYBE SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT THE WAY IT SOUNDED!

IN CLOSING WE WOULD BID "AU REVOIR" BUT NOT "GOOD-BYE TO CELE AND JOSIE FORD AND MADAME NUYT WHO HAVE MOVED TO LENOX AND TO MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KAISER, WHO HAVE MOVED TO PITTSFIELD. WE HOPE THEY'LL COME BACK OFTEN AND MORE OFTEN TO SEE US.

HOP BROOK ANNUAL FAIR AND RUMMAGE SALE COMING AUGUST 2ND!!!! MRS. HOWARD'S PET SHOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 29TH --- CUB SCOUT CIRCUS THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 30TH

OUR ROVING REPORTER TELLS US THAT DANNY KAYE HAD SUPPER WITH THE KRASZESKIS AND SPENT THE NIGHT BEFORE HIS APPEARANCE AT TANGLEWOOD IN TYRINGHAM. (MYRTLE DIGS UP MORE THAN JUST TRUFFLES!)

THE PHOTO CLUBS ARE UNDER WAY WITH YE ED AS INSTRUCTOR ASSISTED BY SHAUN SMITH AND JON KRASZESKI. THE MEMBERS ARE (ADVANCED) KAREN WINTERS, MONDA BICKFORD, SUSAN CABRAL, KAREN DAVIS, PEGGY REBER. (BEGINNERS) ALAN KRASZESKI, RICHARD DE SOUSA, RICHARD CERNIK, ROBERT CHOQUETTE ---DARLEEN CURTIN, CYNTHIA BICKFORD, CHRISTINE HALE, MARTHA BIRKETT. SOME OTHER APPLICATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

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Tyringham Topics

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AUTUMN ISSUE

Dear Folks,

The past summer seemed about the shortest ever. It certainly went by fast. Seemed as though we had just welcomed back you summer Tyringhamites when---WHOOSH! -- and you had left for the autumn and winter -- most of you. But Myrtle, The Turtle, is quite upset --some of you didn't even get here at all.

We are happy to say that the new oil-burning furnace and the ducts for the new heating system have at long last arrived and are in the basement. By the time you get this letter, the system will be in the process of installation. The letter sent out by the Church Committee asking members and friends for special contributions towards this very vital need has brought and is still bringing a generous response, which, in itself, is a great boost to the morale of us all. One young boy gave $25 from his summer's earnings, and a man, not a church-goer exactly, and one to whom a dollar means much, gave $20. There are other instances also that testify as to the love of God and the devotion to His church that exists in many hearts, even though they do not come to worship often -- even though they may not be members of our church. To all of you who have given, and to all who are yet to give, our sincere thanks for your help. And God bless you.

That the Holloway Memorial Tower Music is greatly appreciated is shown by the fact that quite a number listen for the hymns each nite at 6 and on Sundays. If they fail to play, which happens now and then, we are told about it. We have on order several records of Christmas carols to add to our "library."

We have had two very successful public suppers for the benefit of the church -- our annual Chicken Barbecue on August 15 with Chefs Logan and Reber and our Annual Harvest Supper October 19. We hope to have a "Free Will Offering" meat loaf and scalloped potato supper in November to close the season. And a community covered dish supper is also in the planning state.

Our Sunday School started its year on October 1 with an enrollment of 37!

James Dean Curtin, second son of Peter and Deanna Williamson Curtin was baptized on August 20 in Union Church. Young James wore a baptismal robe over 200 years old, an heirloom of the Williamsons.

There have been two births of interest to Tyringham -- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stracuzzi have a new daughter, Francesca Elaine, born on August 2. Mrs. Stracuzzi and her three sons formerly lived in Tyringham, now live just over the line in Lee. And a daughter, Susan, was born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. C.D.McCarthy on Sept. 9 at Eau Gailli, Florida. Susan is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McCarthy of Glens Falls, N.Y., formerly of Tyringham, and great granddaughter of Mrs. Percy Stanton of Tyringham and Mrs. Marie Moore, who formerly taught school here.

There have been three weddings of interest, but none in Tyringham. On August 26, Terrence Francis Curtin of Tyringham was married in Lee to Marilyn Ann Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Decker of Lee. Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham. Robert Clark of Tyringham was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Curtin are living on High Stree, Lee.

John Richard McIntosh, son of Dr. and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh of New York and Tyringham, married Marjorie Keniston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Keniston of Ann Arbor, Mich., in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on August 30. We don't have to tell you that Dick's father is Carpentier Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University in New York, AND also consultant to the Department of Health in New York. (Maybe you didn't know that -- we didn't either!) And Dick's mother is President of Barnard College - and everyone knows that! Miss Keniston's (pardon us) Mrs. Dick McIntosh's father is Andrew Mellon Professor at the University of Pittsburg and was formerly Dean of the College of Literature, Science and Arts at University of Michigan. Her mother is undergraduate librarian at the University.

Miss Eugenie Rudd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd of Princeton, N.J., and Tyringham, was married on September 16 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stockbridge to Gerald James Fawcett, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald N.Fawcett of Ridgewood, N.J. Mr. Rudd Truax of Brooklyn and Tyringham was one of the ushers. Mr. Fawcett is a Harvard student (we can't all go to Yale!) and Mrs. Fawcett graduated from Radcliffe College cum laude last June.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carrington of Tyringham Road, Lee, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the home of their niece, Mrs. Frank Stracuzzi.

Remember how nervous Myrtle, the Turtle, gets when the stork flutters around. Well, right now she is more nervous than ever. Not far from her home in Hop Brook, the old bird is fluttering back and forth across the street from one house to another! (Confidentially, Myrtle is organizing a Stork Club. She read about one in New York and thought it a nice idea!)

We have to bid a sad farewell to the Bickford family, who are moving soon to Lee. We wish we could hold on to them and we shall miss them greatly.

But, we are very happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Allan Garner, David (5) and Nancy (3) to Tyringham. They are residing in the Swart house on Tyringham Road -- on your left as you come in from Lee. Mr. Garner is with Berkshire Life Insurance Co. in Pittsfield.

The Tyringham firemen put on a very successful barbecue last summer in the grove on Mrs. Howard's farm, realizing a goodly sum for their firehouse from the event.

The Hop Brook Community Club's Annual Fair on August 2 in the Town Hall was a huge success with over $400 being realized.

A vast crowd of children of all ages, adults, amoebas and all sorts of animals up to a pony in size, gathered on Saturday, July 22, for the annual (we hope) pet show at Mrs. Sidney Howard's. It was truly a happy gathering -- and a bit educational as well. We saw some dogs there, for example, of a breed we had never heard of before, such as a brown corgie. It is debatable who had the best time -- the kids, the adults, the pets -- or the hostess. Amelia, the Amoeba, was in a class by herself. We tried to converse with her, but not being up on the amoebic language, we failed dismally. Amelia walked off with the prize for the "most original." It was brought by Cricket Goldwyn and Gretchen Bright. (Ed Note: - we call Amelia "It" because, if we remember correctly an amoeba is neither a he or a she but an it. If you can't figure that one out, neither can we!) Anyway, Amelia has been returned to the pond home from which it came.

The prize for the "best cared-for pet" went to Delilah Perkins, a black poodle exhibited by Louie Perkins. And Lekka, a golden retriever, owned by William deKay Pappenheimer was named as the pet the judges would most like to own.

The other exhibitors and their pets follow:- Martha Birkett with Honey, a pony; Thomas Canfield with Lumpi, a fox terrier; David Curtin with Butch, a beagle hound; John Curtin with Pinky, a rabbit; Charles Slater, Jr., with Daisy, a donkey; Susan Slater with Cindy, a collie; Jaycee and Tony Brown with Pepsi, a beagle; Rosamond Pappenheimer with Donald, a lamb; Glenn Pappenheimer with Snappy, a turtle (no relative of Myrtle's -- she doesn't snap!); Shaun Smith with Lucky, an English setter; Joey VanKorff with Alexander, a polly-wog; David Perkins with Jackie, a bullfrog; Jamie Perkins with Hitler, a kitten (and it actually had a little black moustache); Rosemary Robinson with Simon, a white labrador retriever; John Gaisford with Siggie, a dachshund; Martha Day with Stripe and Sally, kittens; Jim Davis with Snoopie, a turtle, and Harman, a salamander; Peter Day with an ant hill filled with contestants; Clarence Seals with Mischief, a gray cat; and Donald and Gary Davis with Friskie, a springer spaniel, who walked away with top honors last year. The judges were General Miles Reber, Norman Day and the local Parson.

Everyone had a startling surprise at the end when a huge black and white dog and an equally large tiger suddenly appeared and capered about the lawn amidst a chorus of shouts and cheers, barks, bleat of a lamb, neighing of a pony, meowing of cats and a look of disdain from Amelia, the Amoeba. Mrs. Howard thinks that next year there will be a list of various categories so that more awards or recognitions can be made.

Tyringham's Cub Pack 40 put on a circus behind Union Church on July 30 and it attracted a huge crowd of interested parents and friends. A circus parade around the village started the affair and a ring of cement blocks was the scene of 15 acts by performers of rare skill and ability as well as agility. There was a tight rope walker (Ed Note: the rope was tight, not the walker); a clown baseball game, a girl's ballet, an India rubber man, a strong man, snake charmer, clowns, pony rider, (equestrienne) tumblers, pranksters, Clyde Wheaties trained animals, jugglers, girls galore and a masked astronaut who was shot out of a cannon fired by Arthur Dyer and landed in a convenient bunch of shrubbery. Kenneth Jones, Jr., was ringmaster and Den Chief. The prop men were Jimmie Davis and Donald Davis. Norman Day and George and Ruth deSousa trained all these accomplished performers. Shaun Smith was sound effects man. The performers were Clarence Seals from Florida (no relation to the performing seals); Johhny Bill Gaisford, Peter Day, Steven Day, Martha Day, Charles Slater, Kenneth Whalen, Richard de Sousa, Douglas de Sousa, Gary Davis, Janice Whalen, Cynthia Bickford, Leslie Bickford, Darleen Curtin and cousin, and Martha Birkett. The Perkins Pranksters, who put on a stellar performance, were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perkins.

The Tyringham Colonels, the town's softball team, had a most successful season, winning most all their games. Some of their names are well remembered for their prowess on the diamond some years back when they were teen-agers -- Terry Curtin, Peter Curtin, Jim Curtin, Everett Fennelly, Eddie Fennelly, Bob Clark and Henning Carlson. Some have served in the armed forces, have returned to Tyringham and married. We are proud of them all.

Miss Josie Ford, daughter of Mrs. Cele Ford, now of Lenox but formerly of Tyringham, was recently awarded a diploma by the Life Office Management Assoc. for Courses 1 & 2. She is with the Berkshire Life.

The newspapers and TIME magazine have been filled with the news of the announced retirement of our distinguished friend and Barnard President, Mrs. Rustin McIntosh. Many tributes have been paid her and we agree with them all. May we add humbly our own -- that we in Tyringham are all very, very proud of her, her husband, her family, and we look forward to having her around after next June.

John Canon, who graduated from Lee High last June is studying at Wentworth Institute in Boston. He is studying mechanical technology and plans to specialize this year and next in mechanical drawing.

The Foto Clubs, larger than ever, but with several beginners, were quite active this past summer. Shaun Smith was in general charge of the dark room and supplies and the following made up three clubs: Dick Cernik, Bob Choquette, Dick deSousa, Ken Jones Jr., Alan Kraszeski, Karen Winters, Peggy Reber, Monda Bickford, Susan Cabral, Karen Davis, Christine Hale, Darleen Curtin, Cynthia Bickford and Martha Birkett.

Tyringham, with seven of its boys in the armed forces, must rank far ahead of many other towns in proportion to its population. Let's see what they are doing: Pfc. Eddie Choquette is in Germany, holding the line against Nikita; Sp/4 Gerald Clark (now married) has enlisted for six more years in the army and is stationed at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico; Pfc. Bruce Logan is at Fort Stewart in Georgia; Pfc. Ronald Loring of The Marines is at Camp LeJeune; A/2c Dud VanOrman is up in Greenland and writes that he can go to bed in the middle of the night and still have it light outside. His brother, Sid, a Sgt. in the Marines is somewhere (s-s-h-h-h!), so his wife, Mickey (Madeleine) and children are with her folks (Mr. and Mrs. Pat Zacarria) In Lee. The seventh service man is Pvt. Kenneth Winters, home on leave, having just completed his basic at Fort Dix. A/2c Gerald Twing, A/2c Don Birkett and A/2c James DuVernois are now out of the service.

That's all for now,

Yours for Tyringham,

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P.S. LATE NEWS ITEM:- JAMES CURTIN, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, NOW LIVING IN LEE WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, HAS BEEN CALLED BACK FOR ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMY. JIM RETURNED IN THE SPRING OF 1960 AFTER 18 MONTHS IN GERMANY. THE BEST WISHES OF US ALL GO WITH YOU, JIM AND GOD BLESS YOU.)

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WINTER ISSUE

Dear Folks,

And a Happy New Year to you all! We're having some real winter up here in the Tyringham Valley --- zero weather, snow galore and super-slippery ice. But guess some of you summer people are having it a bit severe, too. It may be just a rumor, but it is said that those of you in Florida even have been sending up to Owens Store in Lee for red flannels! And Galoshes! And fur lined gloves!

Well, we're just a mite late, as we waited for the annual meeting of our church, and this was held, following a covered dish supper, the 10th of this month. There were the usual reports of accomplishments during 1961, all of which showed our church active and working smoothly. We then elected officers as follows for 1962: Moderator, Arnold Hale; Clerk, Holly Darey; Treasurer, William Dyer; Auditor, Everett Fennelly; Deacon, Kenneth Jones; Deaconess, Reba Babb; Sunday School Superintendent, Helen Curtin; Asst. S.S. Supt., Jule Hale; Trustee, Elizabeth Slater; Church Committee Members, Richard Birkett and Robert DuVernois; Finance Committee Member, Norman Day. Committee appointments will be announced next issue. We would pay a much-deserved tribute here to Mrs. Willis Hale (Jule) who has been Sunday School Superintendent for 35 years and who this year desired to change jobs with her assistant, Helen Curtin. She has done a very important task in a very splendid way and many, many children have been given a good foundation in religion due to the dedicated efforts of Jule Hale in running our Sunday School. (35 years! My! And she doesn't even look that old!)

Tyringham itself chalked up one birth since our last issue: John Arthur Heath (8 lbs. 1/2 oz.) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heath October 30 in Pittsfield General Hospital. He is their sixth child. To former Tyringham parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Clark of Great Barrington, Thomas Martin, Jr., arrived on November 10. The child is a grandson of Wilbur Clark, Sr. And on November 12, to Donald Birkett, formerly of Tyringham, and his wife, of Cinderford, Gloucester, England, a daughter, Carol Ann, was born in Cenderford. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett of Tyringham. James J. Curtin, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Curtin of 220 Main Street, Lee, died December 28 in St. Luke's Hospital, Pittsfield. His father is a reservist with the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg.

The new heating system, while not completely installed so far as the intake ducts are concerned, is a great success. In spite of zero weather, the church and the sunday school room have been warm and comfortable. No more need we send out word that "There will be no

church today due to the cold" -- no longer will the parson have to cut out his sermon to send his shivering flock home -- no longer will the choir defy pneumonia and feel the cold drafts down their necks. To all who gave so generously and so understandingly to our heater fund, our sincere and grateful thanks. Thanks to your generosity -- you summer friends who so often prove you are year-round friends also -- and to you members who gave so cheerfully -- all but $316.50 out of the $2360 cost of the heating system has been raised. THANK YOU, EVERY ONE.

During the Christmas season, the Holloway Memorial Music Tower sent Christmas carols up and down the valley every evening, with a special morning concert on Sunday, Dec. 24. We plan to have a special program, too, for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Our Tyringham School, under the usual skillful training of Mrs. Welch, put on their annual Christmas program in the Town Hall with Santa Claus himself arriving right after the children had finished. The hall was filled with proud parents, proud relatives and Myrtle, the Turtle, who was disguised as Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Speaking of Myrtle, the Turtle, the poor thing has had quite a time of it recently. She dislocated her skin from her shell in trying to do the "Twist." But she is better now, thanks.

Last fall, thanks to the generosity of General Miles Reber, Cub Pack 40 and Troop 40 of Tyringham's Boy Scouts with their leaders, enjoyed, on successive Saturdays, trips to West Point and saw the Army football team in action. The scores? Well, neither General Reber nor the writer are talking much about the prowess on the gridiron of either Army or Yale!

The usual Hallowe'en Party and Trick-or-Treat for Unicef was very successful and $18.40 was sent in to that organization of The United Nations.

Georgia Birkett and Ruth DuVernois of the Hop Brook Club sponsored a covered dish supper followed by a family night hymn sing. In spite of the weather, a good crowd turned out and some good voices were discovered that we wish we could use in our choir.

At Christmas time, we received a card from the Elmer Dodges, who used to live in Tyringham in the house where Norman Day and his family do now. We pass it on to you all who knew them and we quote: "Greetings. I want to tell you how much we enjoy "Tyringham Topics," especially Myrtle, the Turtle. Our family is growing up and away. Tom is in Boston University working for his Master's and PhD. He has a government grant for three years of study in Philosophy of Education. He is married and has two children. Julia is in her junior year at college, is this year in Munich studying at the Frederick Maximillian University there. Her major is German. She went over in September with 98 other students. She enjoyed a month of orientation and is now studying hard, about to go to Switzerland for winter holidays, and skiing. She will return in August '62 and go back to Colby in September. Paul is a sophomore in high school in Gorham. We discovered he can sing well and he is in the Madrigal Group of singers who go to outlying churches to sing. He also takes part in the annual operetta. Track is his sport. 'Deac' and I enjoy Main very much. Give our love to all our friends." Signed, Eleanor Dodge. (Ed. Note: - We who knew the Dodges are so glad to hear all about them. Wish more of you ex-Tyringhamites or Tyringhamites-who-are-away-from-us-in-the-winter, would let us know what you're doing.

We are sorry to say that the David Bickford family, who so much entered into the life of our community, has left us and are now living on Prospect Street in Lee. We miss them.

According to word received by Jean Davis (Mrs. Darrell), her husband, Captain Darrell Davis of the Air Corps, is now MAJOR Davis. Congratulations, Darrell, from all of your new neighbors in Tyringham, and fly up from Puerto Rico as often as you can.

Mrs. Cecile Ford of Lenox announces the engagement of her daughter, Josiane Louise Ford, to Robert E. DuVernois, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. DuVernois of Tyringham. The Fords formerly lived in Tyringham but moved to Lenox about a year ago. Bob is a graduate of Stockbridge High School and is employed by the Town of Tyringham. Josie is a native of Belgium and came to this country after World War II, along with her mother and grandmother. She is with The Berkshire Life Insurance Company in Pittsfield and was recently awarded a diploma by the Life Office Management Association, a distinct honor. It is interesting to note that Josie and her mother and her grandmother, Mrs. Nuyt, were living in Belgium when it was occupied by the Nazis and Mrs. Ford worked for the underground. We're very proud to have them as members of our church.

Inasmuch as most of you know Bob Couch, the son of Mrs. Couch and "FLC", we thought you'd be interested to know that his engagement has been announced. The bride-to-be is Janet Mary Cameron, daughter of Professor and Mrs. G. Harvey Cameron of Clinton, N.Y. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester and is teaching on the staff of Blueberry Hill School in Longmeadow. Her father is Chairman of the Physics Department at Hamilton College. As for Bob himself, in case you didn't know it, he graduated from Williston Academy, attended Yale, served two years in the U.S. Army and returned to graduate from Trinity College. He is a member of the faculty of Williston Academy in Easthampton and coaches football, hockey and lacrosse. The wedding is scheduled for June.

Myrtle, the Turtle, having recovered from her "twisted" back, is now mentally twisted. It seems that the stork is due to visit two Tyringham homes, just opposite each other, next month. Which will be first? Will it be a tie? Will two storks come or will one handle both cases? And if two come, will they make twice as much noise or will they be synchronized? Poor Myrtle -- she eats tranquillizer pills every day now!

They must build rugged people in Tyringham. Roy Heath, who lived here for many years, but who now lives in a trailer in Lee, was operated on in Great Barrington's Fairview Hospital last fall for appendicitis. Right in the middle of it, he started to get up from the operating table and go home. He'd had all he wanted. Frantically the doctors and nurses held him down and gave him enough sedation to put "two elephants to sleep."

And recently three Tyringham folks narrowly missed being killed in three separate auto accidents. They are all recovered, or mostly so, you will be glad to know.

We don't know the details, but another Tyringhamite of by-gone years, Jacob Schots, who was seriously ill in a hospital on Long Island, is now making a speedy recovery we are happy to report.

Some of you may remember Robert Stanton who lived in Tyringham years ago. Word has been received that Mrs. Stanton recently died in Florida. (They left Tyringham in 1944). Mr. Stanton is a nephew of Mrs. Percy Stanton, Tyringham's Librarian and well-known citizen.

Miss Caroline Canon has given two hymn records for the Holloway Music Tower in memory of her aunts, Miss Lena Garfield and Mrs. Blanche Garfield Rouse.

We want you all to get TYRINGHAM TOPICS, but please help us by sending us any

change of address so our mailing list may be kept up to date.

The Lee Schools were closed finally for two days, January 11 and 12, due to about 400 cases of flu among its students. As of this writing, Tyringham School is closed for the week due to the "bug."

Perhaps some of you know a visitor that comes now and then, uninvited, to the Parsonage and takes up residence there. Let's call him Pompey, The Parsonage Pole Cat. Well, he has been there of late, and George Hale has set a trap for him which Walt Stedman built, but so far he has ignored it. We don't know who scent him there in the first place, but whoever did showed poor scentce. We don't want to get scentimental about it, but it does make some of us weep! We just hope he doesn't bring Rose, his wife, and raise a family there.

In closing, let's see where our boys in the service are. We have eight as of this moment: Eddie Choquette is in the army in Germany. Hasn't been to Berlin yet, but if he does he'll probably kick a hole through the wall. Gerry Clark is still at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and if they're guided missiles, knowing Gerry, we imagine he's guiding them. Jim Curtin, our old soldier reservist, is at Fort Bragg, and we hope will be coming back sooner----; Bruce Logan, as we write this, is probably spending a few days on leave in Miami and may come north later. Just had a letter from Ronny Loring and is he having himself a ball! He's down in the Carribean at St. Thomas or over off the coast of Venezuela or looking at the Dominican Republic, or visiting Puerto Rico. And he mentioned he was sunburned from lying on the beaches. Pretty soft these marines have it!! We never had it like that in the army. Dud VanOrman, Air Corps, writes that it's real cool up there in Greenland. No hot beaches for him! He was home on leave not so long ago and is looking forward ere long to leaving Greenland's icy mountains. And his brother, Sid of the Marines, the highest in rank of all these boys, and the oldest, -- they don't say what he's doing down off the coast of Florida, but you may well know that anything Sid is doing he's doing well, and that goes for all our Tyringham boys, too. Last in the alphabet order comes Ken Winters, home over Christmas for a short time. Enough to say that his assignment is a dangerous and tough one and he's just the guy to handle it.

Well folks, there you have it for the present. We'll write you again in April, when the buds are on the trees, the birds are coming back, and it's the time a young man's fancy is lightly turning to ----well, you know what I mean.

Yours for Tyringham

F.L.C.

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SPRING ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE ARE APPARENTLY STARTING TO ENJOY AN EARLY SPRING, BARRING A FEW SNOW SQUALLS AND A BIT COOLISH TEMPERATURE. SO YOU SUMMER FOLKS CAN START COMING BACK TO US ANYTIME NOW. IN FACT, JOHN GAISFORD HAS ALREADY ARRIVED ALONG WITH THE FIRST ROBINS. AND MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, HAS EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO ADVISE THAT THE RED ONES CAN BE REMOVED NOW AND LIGHTER, SHORTER APPAREL PUT ON INSTEAD. ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING IS THE PRESENCE OF POMPEY, THE PARSONAGE POLECAT, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE, PETUNIA AND HIS CHILDREN, ROSE AND VIOLET. (BELIEVE ME, WE'RE GETTING OUR FOUR SCENT'S WORTH!)

BUT LET'S TO THE NEWS OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON SINCE OUR JANUARY ISSUE. AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION CHURCH, OUR CHURCH COMMITTEE MET AND APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES FOR THIS YEAR:-
FLOWER-CHAIRMAN ROGER LOGAN, CAROLINE CANON, ALICE HALE, HOLLY DAREY.
MUSIC- CHAIRMAN LOIS KRASZESKI, ALICE HALE, NORMAN DAY, WILLIAM DYER.
SOCIAL ACTION-RUTH DUVERNOIS, CONSTANCE DYER, PATRICIA CLARK.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-JULE HALE, HELEN CURTIN, ALBERTA JONES.
THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB KINDLY AGREED TO ASSUME OUR MISSIONARY PROGRAM.
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE THIS YEAR IS ROGER LOGAN.

A FAMILY NIGHT AND HYMN SING INSPIRED BY MRS. ROBERT DUVERNOIS AND MRS. WILLIAM DYER WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 21ST FOLLOWING A COVERED DISH SUPPER. NORM DAY, AT THE PIANO WAS PADEREWSKI PERSONIFIED!

A COFFEE HOUR WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH TO WELCOME BACK THE MINISTER AND HIS WIFE ON THEIR RETURN FROM FLORIDA AND, AT THE SAME TIME, EXTEND A GREETING TO THE FORMER ON HIS BIRTHDAY. OUR SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SUCH THOUGHTFULNESS. (THERE WERE TWO BIRTHDAY CAKES! WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WAS BECAUSE OF BIRTH OR GIRTH!)

THE HOP BROOK CLUB MET AND ELECTED MRS. ROBERT DUVERNOIS AS ITS PRESIDENT; MRS. RICHARD BIRKETT, VICE-PRESIDENT; MRS. FRANKLIN COUCH AS SECRETARY AND MRS. DUANE SLATER AS TREASURER. THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WERE APPOINTED:-STEWARDSHIP, MRS. DUANE SLATER; ADVENTURES IN READING, MRS. ERNEST BABB; FRIENDLY SERVICE, MRS. WILLIAM DYER; CHRISTIAN FAMILY, MRS. RICHARD BIRKETT; SOCIAL ACTION, MRS. ROBERT DUVERNOIS.

THIS IS BEING WRITTEN IN THE MIDST OF HOLY WEEK. WE HAVE JUST HELD OUR PALM SUNDAY SERVICE WITH NORMAN DAY AT THE ORGAN, OUR VERY FINE CHOIR SINGING "THE PALMS", A GOODLY ATTENDANCE AND WITH CHIMES FROM THE HOLLOWAY MUSIC TOWER BEFORE AND AFTER THE SERVICE.

At the close of the service, Palm leaves were distributed to the congregation.

Our Good Friday service will start at 7.30 p.m.. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

We hope that everyone will be at Church EASTER SUNDAY. There will be Easter Music from the Music Tower before and after the service. Sunday School will not be in session so that our children may come to Church with their parents.

Since last January's TOPICS, Tyringham has gained two new citizens thanks to the stork. The first to arrive in 1962 was Barbara Beth VanOrman, daughter of Gordon and Kate VanOrman. She was born February 15th in Pittsfield and weighed 6 lbs, 12½ ounces.

Then on March 14th the stork again swooped low over Tyringaham, (scaring Myrtle, the Turtle so that she dove into her fall-out shelter) and landed in Pittsfield bringing Jeffrey Alan Cernik to Larry and Betty Cernik. The young man weighed in at 8 lbs, 9¾ ounces!

Of interest to Tyringham was the birth of a son to a former Tyringham resident, James DuVernois and his wife, who now reside in West Stockbridge. This youngster weighed 5 lbs, 11 ounces. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert DuVernois.

After Church Service on Sunday, March 25th, Rhonda Dee Herman, daughter of Ronald and Dierdre Curtin Herman, was baptized.

The new heating system has been a wonderful success, even on the coldest of Sundays since its completed installation. Myrtle was so pleased with it that she gave up her abode in Hop Brook and moved into winter quarters in the boiler room.

Tyringham held its annual Town Meeting in two sessions, adopting a budget of $69,135, only $1002.15 over last years's. At the town election the following were elected:- Moderator, Charles Slater; Town Clerk, Alice Hale; Selectmen, Charles Slater, Arnold Hale and Henning Carlson; Treasurer, George DeSousa; Cemetery Trustee, Edward Fennelly; Auditor, William Gelsleichter; School Committee Member, Mrs. Richard Birkett; Park Commissioner, Everett S. Fennelly; Library Trustee, Mrs. George DeSousa; Assessor, Raymond E. Smith. All of these were elected for one year terms except the Cemetery Trustee, School Committee Member, Park Commisioner, Library Trustee and Assessor, who are elected for three years.

We bid welcome to Tyringham to a new family -- Kenneth and Dorothy Beahn and their children, Sara (6), Kenneth, Jr(4) and Kraig (2). They have moved into the Lyman house, formerly occupied by the David Bickfords, who are living in Lee. (We miss 'em)

Tyringham's Cub Pack 40 held its Blue and Gold Banquet in the Community Center on February 28th under the sponsorship of the Den Mothers. Boy Scouts of Troop 40 were guests. The program was based on the theme "Presidents of the United States", with participants dressed in period clothes, each giving a brief story of the life of the president he represented. Gary Davis was Theodore Roosevelt; Charles Slater, Ulysses S. Grant; Donald Cernik, George Washington; Richard Cernik, Abraham Lincoln; Stephen Hale, Dwight Eisenhower; and Peter Day, Andrew Jackson. Awards were presented Gary Davis (Lion); Charles Slater (Wolf); Donald Cernik (Silver Arrow) and

FOR THE SCOUTS, DONALD DAVIS WAS MADE A 1ST CLASS SCOUT AND RICHARD DESOUSA, A SECOND CLASS. TROOP 40 WAS AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF CAMPING AND WOODCRAFT PROFICIENCY.

DR. HENRY FIELD, WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR AND ANTHROPOLOGIST, HAS PURCHASED THE 100-ACRE SOUTH HOUSE ESTATE ON FERNSIDE FROM MRS. JUNE P. CAREY OF WASHINGTON, D.C. DR. AND MRS. FIELD LEASED THE PROPERTY FROM MRS. CAREY THE LAST TWO SUMMERS. WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME DR. AND MRS. FIELD TO TYRINGHAM ON A MORE PERMANENT STATUS THAN THAT OF LESSEES. LUCYAN KRASZESKI IS CARETAKER OF THE ESTATE.

DURING THE PASTOR'S ABSENCE ON VACATION THINGS POPPED FOR SURE IN TYRINGHAM. MRS. WILLIS HALE BROKE HER ANKLE; DAVID HALE SLID DOWN HILL INTO A BARBED WIRE FENCE AND HAD TO HAVE 30 STITCHES TAKEN IN HIS FACE; THE HERBERT HEATH HOME BURNED DOWN WHILE THEY WERE ABSENT; MRS. CHARLES JOHNSON AND ARTHUR DYER SUSTAINED SPRAINED FINGERS; THE CHOQUETTE FAMILY HAD A SECOND THOROUGH VISIT FROM THE FLU BUG AND MRS. ERNEST BUTLER BROKE HER WRIST. AND DURING THE WINTER, FEW THERE WERE THAT ESCAPED THE FLU!

MRS. DARRELL DAVIS ALONG WITH HER DAUGHTER, KAREN, AND SON, JIMMIE, TOOK OFF FOR PORTO RICO FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS AND CAME BACK AS BROWN AS THE NATIVES OF THAT SPOT.

MRS. PERCY STANTON, JUST TO PROVE HOW HARDY SHE WAS, TOOK OFF TO SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS OF THE WINTER IN THE NORTH WITH HER DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW AT GLENS FALLS, N.Y. NOW SHE'S BACK AND REGARDS HERSELF AS AN EARLY RETURNED "SUMMER RESIDENT." WE DID WELCOME HOME TO OUR LIBRARIAN AND CHURCH PILLAR!

JOHN CANON, SON OF MR. AND MRS. NORTHRUP CANON, A FRESHMAN IN THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING COURSE AT WENTWORTH INSTITUTE IN BOSTON HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE "DEAN'S LIST." (ED.NOTE-CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN, WE NEVER GOT ANYWHERE NEAR MAKING ANY DEAN'S LIST!)

JOHN GAISFORD HAS JOINED THE RANKS OF THE SMALL CAR OWNERS THO NOT A VOLKSWAGEN. HIS WIFE, HELEN, AND SON, JOHNNY BILL, PROBABLY WONT FLIT NORTHWARDS UNTIL JUNE.

THE LEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND -- ONE OF THE VERY BEST HIGH SCHOOL BANDS WE'VE EVER HEARD, HAVE RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE THEY TOOK PART IN THE CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE OR FESTIVAL, WE GUESS THEY CALL IT. FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM TYRINGHAM MADE THE TRIP -- KAREN DAVIS, JON KRASZESKI, ARTHUR DYER AND KENNETH JONES, JR. THEY DID THE TOWN BUT DID NOT GET TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, WHICH WAS MR. KENNEDY'S LOSS. CONGRESSMAN SILVIO CONTE FROM OUR DISTRICT, "HOSTED" THEM ABOUT.

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT OUR SERVICE MEN ARE UP TO. PFC EDDIE CHOQUETTE IS STILL OVER IN GERMANY, KEEPING A CAREFUL EYE ON NIKITA. SP/4 GERRY CLARK IS DOWN IN NEW MEXICO AT THE WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE. WE HOPE TO SEE HIM IN TYRINGHAM THIS SUMMER. SP/4 BRUCE LOGAN, RECENTLY COMPLETED A 30-DAY FURLOUGH WITH HIS PARENTS IN TYRINGHAM AND LEAVES THIS WEEK OR SOON, FROM CALIFORNIA BOUND FOR KOREA. SINCE EVERETT FENNELLY CAME BACK FROM KOREA WE HAVEN'T HAD A TYRINGHAM MAN OVER THERE SO NOW THE COUNTRY CAN BREATHE EASIER WITH BRUCE WATCHING THE RED CHINESE. BRUCE JUST RE-ENLISTED FOR SIX YEARS. LANCE CORPORAL RONNY LORING OF THE MARINES IS DOWN IN PORTO RICO. PFC JAMES CURTIN, A RESERVIST CALLED BACK TO DUTY

LAST YEAR IS AT FORT BRAGG. WITH HIM ARE HIS WIFE, KATHY AND DAUGHTER, DENISE. DUDLEY VANORMAN HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO A/1C AND IS EXPECTED HOME NEXT MONTH FROM GREENLAND'S ICY MOUNTAINS! HIS OLDEST BROTHER, SID, A SGT IN THE MARINES IS AT JACKSONVILLE, S.C. WITH HIS WIFE, MADELEINE (MICKEY) AND CHILDREN, HOLLY AND SCOTT. KEN WINTERS WAS HOME FOR A BRIEF TIME AND NOW HE IS WITH SPECIAL TROOPS AT FORT CARSON, COLORADO.

OUR CHURCH HAS RECEIVED A CHECK TO PURCHASE SOME EASTER RECORDS FOR OUR HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL MUSIC TOWER LIBRARY FROM MRS. EDWARD HERNDON OF NEW YORK. WE HAD ONLY TWO SO NOW WE EXPECT TO HAVE MORE BY EASTER SUNDAY.

AFTER WE HAD THIS ISSUE ALL WRITTEN WE RECEIVED WORD FROM MISS AGNES CURTING, WHO USUALLY CUTS OUR STENCILS, THAT SHE IS SUFFERING FROM BURSITIS AND IT IS DIFFICULT FOR HER TO TYPE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SHE HURT HER SHOULDER WHEN SHE GOT INSIDE HER NEW CAR, A TINY RED RENAULT. YOU HAVE TO BE A VERITABLE CONTORTIONIST TO CLOSE THE DOORS OF SUCH A SMALL CAR.

BUT MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, CAME TO OUR RESCUE AND HAS CUT THE STENCILS FOR THIS ISSUE. SHE SAID SHE'D DO IT IF WE WOULD LET HER PUT IN A LITTLE VERSE SHE SAYS SHE FOUND ABOUT WHAT AG CURTIN SAID ONE DAY LAST WINTER:

"I PARKED MY CAR OUT IN THE STREET,
ALONG CAME SNOW AND WIND AND SLEET.
NOW I RACE THE CURBS AND WONDER,
JUST WHICH HEAP MY HEAP IS UNDER."

IN CLOSING, MAY WE CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL OUR READERS WITHIN EASY DISTANCE FROM TYRINGHAM THAT OUR CHURCH IS STARTING ITS SERIES OF MONTHLY SUPPERS WITH A TURKEY SUPPER ON TUESDAY, MAY 8TH, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL COME.

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH, PATRIOTS' DAY, OUR CHURCH WILL JOIN WITH CHURCHES ALL OVER THE LAND IN PLAYING CHIMES OR RINGING BELLS AT 1.00 P.M. THAT DAY TO REMIND AMERICANS EVERY WHERE TO PAUSE AND THINK HOW LUCKY THEY ARE TO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY -- MAY WE ALL REALIZE THE PRECIOUS HERITAGE OF FREEDOM THAT IS OURS, UNDER GOD.

NOW WHO COULD HAVE WRITTEN THE FOLLOWING LITTLE VERSE TO NORM DAY'S LITTLE CAR:-

"BEHIND THE BIG CAR'S FINS YOU SQUAT,
YOU PINT-SIZED PEST!
I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED
THE PARKING SPACE I THOUGHT I SAW
IS NOT!"

'T IS TIME WE CLOSED AND GOT THIS TO THE MIMEOGRAPH, IF YOU'RE TO RECEIVED IT BEFORE EASTER. IT'S BEEN NICE TALKING TO YOU, EVEN THOUGH IT'S ON PAPER. A HAPPY EASTER OR HAPPY PASSOVER TO EACH AND EVERYONE WHEREVER YOU MAY BE.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

F.L.C.

"EMPTY PEWS MEAN EMPTY LIVES.

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DEAR FOLKS:-

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREAT HONOR CONFERRED UPON PRESIDENT KENNEDY BY YALE UNIVERSITY AWARDING HIM A DEGREE AND THUS MAKING HIM A YALE MAN, WE THOUGHT, AS A TRIBUTE TO HIM, WE WOULD PUBLISH THIS ISSUE OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS ON AS NEAR YALE BLUE PAPER WE COULD FIND. WE TRUST OUR HARVARD FRIENDS WILL APPROVE OF THIS BROAD-MINDED GESTURE! (J.F.K. IS CERTAINLY GETTING UP IN THE WORLD!)

AND SO, TOO, IS UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM. A FOUR COLUMN PICTURE OF THE FRONT STEPS OF OUR CHURCH WAS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE JUNE 24 ISSUE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW SECTION. BILL DYER AND YE EDITOR SPOTTED IT AND RUSHED DOWN TO THE CHURCH TO VERIFY IT AND MRS. HOWARD SENT US A CLIPPING OF IT FROM NEW YORK. TROUBLE WAS THERE WAS NO CAPTION IDENTIFYING THE STEPS.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR SUMMER RESIDENTS, HEADED THIS YEAR BY JOHN GAISFORD IN APRIL, FOLLOWED SOON BY THE DONALDS AND LARKINS AND MRS. HISCOX.

JUST AFTER OUR SPRING ISSUE CAME OUT, WE HELD OUR EASTER SERVICE WITH 129 PRESENT. THIS YEAR THE OBSERVANCE OF EASTER WAS GREATLY ENHANCED BY THE EASTER MUSIC FROM THE HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL TOWER MUSIC SYSTEM. (NEXT YEAR WE PLAN TO HAVE BABY SITTERS IN ATENDANCE IN THE PARSONAGE SO EVERYONE CAN COME AND LEAVE THE VERY YOUNG THERE DURING THE SERVICE AS SOME OF THE YOUNGSTERS SEEM TO BE A BIT TOO ENTHUSIASTIC FOR VOICE CULTURE!)

OUR CHURCH SUPPERS, YOU WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW ARE OFF TO A GOOD START. THE FIRST WAS ON MAY 8TH AND WE CLEARED $100.58 ON THAT ONE. IT WAS WELL-ATTENDED BUT BILL DYER MET WITH A SLIGHT MISHAP AFTERWARDS WHEN HE WENT TO LOAD THE GARBAGE AND THEN! HE LOST HIS BALANCE AND STEPPED INTO THE GARBAGE CAN WITH DYER RESULTS. AND HIS GOOD WIFE WAS SO UPSET SHE DROPPED THE SALAD BOWL AND BROKE IT.

ON JUNE 26TH WE HAD OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND FED THE LARGEST CROWD WE HAVE EVER HAD -- ABOUT 235--- AND WE CLEARED THE GREATEST AMOUNT EVER---$18485! WE ARE GRATEFUL, OF COURSE, TO ALL WHO WORKED ON THE SUPPER AND TO ALL WHO DONATED FOOD OR COOKED THE HAMS BUT WE THINK SPECIAL MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF MRS. GRACE SLATER, MRS. CONNIE DYER AND MRS. RUTH DUVERNOIS WHO TRAVELLED SOME DISTANCE AND PICKED ALL THE FRESH STRAWBERRIES TO PUT ON THE SHORTCAKES WHICH MRS. BETTY CERNIK COOKED. AND IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE

THE HULL STORY, MRS. SLATER, MRS. DUVERNOIS, MRS. HISCOX AND MISS HISCOX HULLED THEM ALL THE DAY OF THE SUPPER AND MRS. SLATER CUT THEM UP! (ALL OF OUR SUPPERS ARE WELL ATTENDED BY THE SAME PEOPLE COMING BACK TIME AND AGAIN IN ADDITION TO MANY NEW ONES AND THIS SPEAKS WELL FOR TYRINGHAM'S COOKING AND GENEROUS PORTIONS!) BUT LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT -- WE'RE GETTING TOO HUNGRY JUST WRITING ABOUT IT!

OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26TH, STARTING AT 5.30 PM. BETTER NOTE THAT DOWN ON YOUR CALENDAR LEST YOU MISS A GREAT TIME.

ON JUNE 3RD, ARTHUR WILLIAM DYER, SON OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. DYER, AND KENNETH EVAN JONES, SON OF MR. AND MRS. KENNETH JONES, WERE RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP IN UNION CHURCH.

ALEXANDER CLAPP LUCHARS, SON OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT B.LUCHARS OF NEW YORK AND TYRINGHAM WAS BAPTIZED IN UNION CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 27TH, 1962 AND ON CHILDREN'S SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH, THE FOLLOWING WERE BAPTIZED:- SARA ANN BEAHN, KENNETH GORDON BEAHN,JR AND KRAIG STEVEN BEAHN, CHILDREN OF MR. AND MRS. KENNETH G. BEAHN; JEFFREY ALAN CERNIK, SON OF MR. AND MRS. LARRY CERNIK; RICKEY LEE LORING AND EDWARD ALFRED LORING, SONS OF MR. AND MRS. RICHARD LORING; BARBARA BETH VANORMAN, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. GORDON VANORMAN, ALL OF TYRINGHAM AND THOMAS MARTIN CLARK, JR. SON OF MR. AND MRS. "MARTY" CLARK OF GREAT BARRINGTON. THE CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE YOUNGER SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN BY OUR TEEN-AGERS ARTHUR DYER, JON KRASZESKI, ALAN AND NANCY KRASZESKI, KENNETH JONES AND SUB-TEENAGERS CHRISTINE HALE AND JOHN CURTIN. THE GRATITUDE OF THE CHURCH WAS EXPRESSED TO MRS. NEIL CURTIN, SUPT. OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, MRS. WILLIS HALE, ASST. SUPT. AND TO TEACHERS MRS. KENNETH JONES, MRS. CHARLES SLATER AND MISS KAREN WINTERS, WHO DID SO MUCH TO MAKE THE PAST YEAR SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS.

ON MAY 27TH, A SPECIAL MEETING OF UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM WAS CALLED AND IT WAS VOTED TO ESTABLISH AN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE CHURCH. IT WAS FURTHER VOTED THAT AN ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE OF THREE TO BE ELECTED TO ADMINISTER THE FUND, THE TERM OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE 3 YEARS AND TO BE INITIALLY ARRANGED SO THAT ONE MEMBER'S TERM SHALL EXPIRE AT EACH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH.

THE INCOME FROM THE ENDOWMENT FUND MAY BE USED TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CHURCH WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT ANY FUNDS GIVEN FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE, THE INCOME FROM THESE SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THAT ACCOUNT. THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FUND CANNOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED BY THE DONOR.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE EXCEPT IN AN EXTREME EMERGENCY AND THEN ONLY BY A 4/5TH VOTE OF THE MEMBERS AT AN ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION CHURCH.

THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED AS THE PRESENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE:-

FRED JUDD (3 YEARS)
GEORGE HALE (2 YEARS)
WILLIAM DYER (1 YEAR)

WE'RE VERY PROUD - HAVE BEEN SO OVER THE YEARS - OF OUR MEN IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY SO WE'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THEM, AS WE KNOW YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING:-

SP/4 GERAL CLARK OF THE ARMY AND HIS WIFE, ELSIE TRUJILLO CLARK, WHOM HE MARRIED AFTER HIS RETURN FROM KOREA WHEN HE WAS STATIONED AT WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, NEW MEXICO, ARRIVED AT THE HOME OF HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. WILBUR CLARK,JR FOR A 30 DAY LEAVE PRIOR TO HIS

HIS GOING OVERSEAS TO GERMANY. SOON AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL GERRY AND ELSIE JOINED UNION CHURCH ON MAY 13TH. GERRY IS NOW OVER IN GERMANY AND ELSIE EXPECTS TO JOIN HIM SOME TIME IN AUGUST.

IT IS NOW SP/4 EDWARD CHOQUETTE WHO RECEIVED HIS PROMOTION A FEW WEEKS AGO. HE IS STILL IN GERMANY AND WITH HIM AND GERRY OVER THERE MR. K BETTER TUNE DOWN HIS NASTY REMARKS!

BRUCE LOGAN ANOTHER FAIRLY RECENT PROMOTION TO SP/4 IS IN KOREA KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE RED CHINESE AND NORTH KOREANS.

SGT. SIDNEY VANORMAN OF THE U.S.MARINES IS IN THAILAND MAKING SURE THAT THAT COUNTRY DOESN'T GET ALL "LAOSED" UP! HIS WIFE, "MICKEY" AND CHILDREN ARE WITH HER PARENTS, MR AND MRS. PAT ZACARRIA IN LEE.

RONALD LORING IN THE U.S.MARINES HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO CORPORAL! ALL THESE PROMOTIONS PROVE THAT OUR GUYS ARE DOING O.K.

KENNETH WINTERS IS DOING O.K.,TOO, THOUGH OUR MOST RECENT SOLDIER. HE HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO PFC IN THE ARMY AND IS HAVING SPECIAL TRAINING AT FORT CARSON, COLORADO.

PFC JAMES CURTIN, WHO NOW MUST FEEL LIKE AN OLD SOLDIER, IS COMPLETING DUTY AS A RESERVIST RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY. HE SHOULD BE HOME NEXT MONTH WITH HIS WIFE, KATHY.

A/2C DUD VAN ORMAN IS NOW OUT OF THE SERVICE AS HE WAS RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM THE AIR FORCE.

MR. AND MRS. EDWIN TWING OF TYRINGHAM TODAY ANNOUNCED THE ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR DAUGHTER, EVELYN ANN, TO FRED ROBERT READ, SON OF MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK A. READ OF 392 WALKER ST., LENOXDALE. A FALL WEDDING IS PLANNED. MISS TWING, A 1960 GRADUATE OF LEE HIGH SCHOOL, IS EMPLOYED IN THE IBM DEPARTMENT OF THE MARIAN FATHERS OF STOCKBRIDGE. MR. READ, A 1958 GRADUATE OF LENOX HIGH SCHOOL, IS A COMPUTOR OPERATOR AT THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING SIX MONTHS IN THE U.S.ARMY AT FORT DIX, N.J.

AND WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT CORPORAL RONALD LORING, SON OF MR. AND MRS. FRED LORING OF TYRINGHAM IS ENGAGED TO NANCY ROWLEY, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ROWLEY OF OTIS AND THE WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS FALL.

WE WELCOME TO TYRINGHAM, MR. AND MRS. NORMAN SOULES AND FAMILY, WHO ARE LIVING IN THE HOUSE ONCE OCCUPIED BY THE CHARLES LORING FAMILY. OUR HAPPINESS AT WELCOMING THE SOULES IS TEMPERED BY OUR FAREWELL TO THE ROBERT BIRCH FAMILY WHO HAVE MOVED TO LEE. THE FORMER ARTHUR GILMORE HOUSE, VACATED BY THE BIRCHES, IS NOW OCCUPIED BY THE GARNERS WHO MOVED FROM THE SWART HOUSE, OPPOSITE THE HOUSE NOW OCCUPIED BY THE SOULES. (ALL THIS IS SORT OF CONFUSING BUT YOU'LL PROBABLY GET IT!)

THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL, UNDER THE SUPERB LEADERSHIP OF ITS TEACHER, MRS. WELCH, CONDUCTED A VERY INSPIRING MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN THE CEMETERY WITH RECITATIONS AND SONGS BY THE CHILDREN AND AN ADDRESS BY REV. JAMES MITCHELL, A RETIRED CLERGYMAN FROM LEE WHO SAW MUCH ACTION WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE IN WORLD WAR 1. (HE WAS ONE OF THE "FIRST HUNDRED THOUSAND" AND IF YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH YOU'LL KNOW WHAT THEY WERE!) A LARGE CROWD TURNED OUT FOR THE OCCASION AND THE SUOER GRAND LEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND FURNISHED MUSIC FOR THE PARADE AND SERVICE.

THE TYRINGHAM GALLERIES OWNED BY DON AND ANNE DAVIS ARE IN FULL SWING WITH EXHIBITIONS OF PAINTINGS, SCULPTURES, DRAWINGS, PRINTS, CERAMICS AND GLASSWARE BY CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN ARTISTS,

THE ANNUAL HOP BROOK FAIR AND RUMMAGE SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1ST IN THE TOWN HALL.

THE TYRINGHAM FIREMEN'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE IS SLATED FOR SUNDAY NOON, AUGUST 19TH.

READING THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE RECENTLY WE WERE STARTLED TO SEE AN AD OF O'BRIEN, THE FLORIST FOR "BEULAH CANNON VERBENA PLANTS" AND IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW IT, TYRINGHAM'S OWN BEULAH CANNON, ONE-TIME OWNER OF ORCHARD HOUSE, ORIGINATED THIS PLANT IN TYRINGHAM AND IT IS WIDELY KNOWN AS SUCH -- THE "BEULAH CANNON VERBENA."

HOLLY MCLENNAN, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN MCLENNAN, IS ONE OF A GROUP OF 41 SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE GIRLS WHO ARE ON A EUROPEAN CONCERT TOUR. THEY LEFT NEW YORK BY PLANE ON JUNE 24TH AND WILL GIVE CONCERTS, 13 IN ALL, IN SIX COUNTRIES.

TYRINGHAM HAS REPRESENTATION IN BOTH THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR LEE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS. JON KRASZESKI, ARTHUR DYER, JIMMIE DAVIS AND KAREN DAVIS ARE IN THE FORMER WITH ALAN KRASZESKI, KENNETH JONES AND CHRISTINE HALE IN THE LATTER. THE SENIOR BAND WENT TO WASHINGTON THIS SPRING FOR THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL.

S/SGT. C. DOUGLAS MCCARTHY, SON OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES T. MCCARTHY, FORMER RESIDENTS OF TYRINGHAM, GRADUATED FROM AN AIR FORCE SCHOOL AT CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE IN RANTOUL, ILLINOIS, WITH HIGHEST HONORS ANY ONE TAKING THAT COURSE EVER ATTAINED.

JON KRASZESKI WAS ONE OF THREE LEE HIGH BOYS RECENTLY PICKED TO VISIT THE ARSENAL IN SPRINGFIELD.

MRS. RICHARD BIRKETT HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE LEE CHAPTER OF THE D.A.R. AND MRS. ROBERT DUVERNOIS WAS ELECTED SECRETARY. (WE CAN'T SPELL THE INDIAN NAME OF THE CHAPTER BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE A HEARTY SNEEZE.)

MISS AGNES CURTIN RECENTLY MISLAID HER NEW RED RENAULT BUT, PICKING UP A ROADMAP OFF HER TABLE, THE RENAULT FELL OUT OF THE FOLD. (SHE WAS UNABLE TO CUT THE STENCILS FOR THIS ISSUE AS SHE HAS BURSITIS OR SOMETHING, FROM USING THE RENAULT AS A DUMBBELL IN DOING HER MORNING EXERCISES.)

TIME MAGAZINE AND THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE HAD WRITE-UPS ABOUT THE RETIREMENT OF TYRINGHAM'S MRS. RUSTIN MCINTOSH WHO HAS JUST GIVEN UP THE PRESIDENCY OF BARNARD COLLEGE AFTER 14 YEARS. AFTER THE GLOWING TRIBUTES, MUCH-DESERVED, IN THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE, THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE, THERE IS NOTHING LEFT FOR THE HUMBLE TYRINGHAM TOPICS TO ADD EXCEPT TO SAY THAT WE'RE GLAD SHE AND HER HUSBAND, DR. MCINTOSH (A TOP PEDIATRICIAN AT THE CODLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS IN NEW YORK, WHO RETIRED TWO YEARS AGO) ARE COMING HOME! MRS. MCINTOSH WAS GIVEN A FAREWELL LUNCHEON AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA ON MAY 23RD AND TYRIGHAM WAS WELL REPRESENTED FOR PRESENT AT THE LUNCHEON WERE RICHARD, JAMES AND KENNETH MCINTOSH, HER SONS, AND SUSAN MCINTOSH LLLOYD, HER DAUGHTER AND IN A GROUP PICTURE OF FIVE OTHER COLLEGE PRESIDENTS WITH MRS. MCINTOSH, WE SPIED MISS MARGARET CLAPP, PRESIDENT OF WELLESLEY COLLEGE WHO HAS AS A SUMMER RESIDENT HERE.

POLITICS IN THE AIR! BUT WITH RUTH DUVERNOIS HEADING THE REPUBLICANS OF TYRINGHAM AND RUTH DESOUSA, THE DEMOCRATS THE CAMPAIGN HERE WILL NOT BE A RUTHLESS ONE. WITH THAT WE'D BETTER CLOSE!

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

FLC

POSTSCRIPTS

SINCE WE TYPED PAGE 4 AND ENDED OUR NEWS-LETTER, WE FOUND SOME ITEM THAT HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED AND THEN SOME MORE NEWS CAME IN SO WE WILL ADD THIS PAGE.

WE WOULD FIRST BID WELCOME TO MRS. CHARLES SLATER'S BROTHER AND HIS FAMILY -- CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ARTHUR BLASS OF THE U.S.NAVY, HIS WIFE, MAXINE, AND CHILDREN, JOHN (9), ARTHUR, JR (7), MELANEY (4) AND GEOFFREY (10 MONTHS) THEIR HOMETOWN IS UKIAH, CALIFORNIA BUT THEY HAVE COME EAST AS HE IS STATIONED AT THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD. THEY ARE AT PRESENT RESIDING AT HALE'S CABIN ON GOOSE POND.

MRS. JOHN CURTIN ANNOUNCES THAT IN THE RECENT RED CROSS DRIVE FOR FUNDS TYRINGHAM COLLECTED $434.50, GOING WAY OVER THE TOP AS OUR QUOTA WAS $310.00. MRS. CURTING THANKS ALL WHO SOLICITED AND WHO GAVE, OUR SUMMER RESIDENTS IN PARTICULAR, FOR THEIR GENEROUS COOPERATION.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO HENNING CARLSON, JR. AND NORENE SMITH, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND E. SMITH FOR THEIR GRADUATION FROM LEE HIGH SCHOOL LAST MONTH.

AND, SPEAKING OF THE SMITHS, MARY GENE, THEIR DAUGHTER, WAS MARRIED TO PFC RICHARD V. RUBIN, SON OF MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN RUBIN OF 174 APPLETON AVENUE, PITTSFIELD, ON DECEMBER 3, 1960. BOTH ARE GRADUATES OF PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL. DICK HAS JUST RETURNED FROM 15 MONTHS IN SEOUL, KOREA. THE COUPLE WILL LEAVE THIS MONTH FOR MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS AND THE WALTERS AIR FORCE BASE WHERE A NEW A.S.A. UNIT IS BEING SET UP. THEY EXPECT TO BE THERE A YEAR. (ED.NOTE: YOU CAN EXPECT ANYTHING IN THE ARMY, DICK AND MARY GENE, BUT BELIEVE ME YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN, WHERE OR WHAT WILL HAPPEN! GOOD LUCK, ANYWAY!) MARY GENE HAS BEEN A RECEPTIONIST-CLERK AT THE CANTARELLA SCHOOL OF THE DANCE IN PITTSFIELD AND IT IS EXPECTED SHE WILL BE EMPLOYED AS A GOVERNMENT STENO-TYPIST "DAOWN IN TAXUS".

MRS. SIDNEY HOWARD IS BACK FROM A EUROPEAN TRIP WHERE SHE VISITED HER BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SISTER, MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LITTELL IN PARIS AND ALSO SAW HER SON, WALTER. SHE ALSO SAW A FORMER TYRINGHAM YOUNG MAN, DONAL BIRKETT IN ENGLAND WHERE HE, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER PRESENTLY RESIDE.

MRS. DONALD DAVIS HAS ORGANIZED A COOKING AND SEWING CLUB FOR YOUNG TYRINGHAM GIRLS, 3RD TO 5TH GRADERS. DARLEEN CURTIN IS SECRETARY AND MARTHA BIRKETT, TREASURER. THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE JANICE WHALEN, LINDA JONES, JENIFER CANON, WENDY SOULES, MARTHA DAY AND KATHY SOULES.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE'S GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER (WHO CLAIMED HE HELPED PUSH WASHINGTON'S BOAT ACROSS THE DELAWARE) RECENTLY CAME TO TYRINGHAM AND WAS FOUND IN WALTER STEDMAN'S BACK YARD. WALT CONSIDERED HIM TOO SNAPPY FOR ONE OF HIS AGE SO HE SENT HIM OFF TO THE HAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS OF TURTLES.

TYRINGHAM'S FIREMEN TOOK PART IN THE INDEPENDENCE DAY MUSTER IN PITTSFIELD AND PLACED 5TH IN THE ROTARY PUMPING CONTEST.

AU REVOIR, AUF WIEDERSEHEN AND MABUHAY! FLC

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AUTUMN ISSUE

Dear Folks,

The last three months since our July issue have been filled with much doing for I seem to have a pile of notes and some clippings to wade through to summarize all that has been going on, but here goes:

The 200th anniversary of the Town of Tyringham's incorporation, sponsored by Union Church, took place on Sunday, August 26. It consisted of a special service in the church with members of the choir and the ushers dressed in period costumes. A historical "sermon" was given entitled "The Tyringham Story." Some of the descendants of the original Tyringham were present, representatives of the Beach, Hale, Slater, Cannon and Heath families. Former residents were on hand from Dalton, Pittsfield, Lee, Weymouth, New York City and Winsted. The original Tyringham is now Monterey, but the present Tyringham was first settled and incorporated in 1762. Mrs. Eloise Myers, a former Tyringham resident, is now at work on a history of the town up to the present.

William Dyer was Chairman of the events, which included a basket lunch at noon, held on the lawn, a skit written by Mrs. Rustin McIntosh and a hymn sing led by Mr. Dyer, with Norman Day at the old-fashioned pump organ, which had been borrowed. Games for the youngsters and a ball game between married and single men of the town followed at the ball park. The full committee consisted of Mr. Dyer, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Louise Hiscox, Mrs. Isabella Stanton, Mrs. Reba Babb, Mrs. John J. Curtin, Mrs. Richard E. Birkett, Roger Logan, Arnold Hale, Norman Day, Everett Fennelly, Charles Slater and Rev. Franklin L. Couch.

New stone steps for the church were completed in time for the bicentennial, thanks to the hard work of church members Arnold and Willis Hale, Roger Logan, George Hale and Richard Birkett. These steps are greatly appreciated by us all and they add much to the appearance of the church.

Hearing of the bicentennial, the Berkshire County Historical Society, through its President, Miss Margaret Hall of Pittsfield, presented to the town library a book entitled "Berkshire County, a Cultural History" by Richard D. Birdsall and published by the Yale University Press.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schots of Southampton, N.Y., former residents of Tyringham and

still members of Union Church have presented to the church a beautiful silver cross for the communion table in loving memory of their late daughter, Lucina Schots Sawyer, who passed away in January, 1950. Mrs. Sawyer, too, was a former resident of this town and a church member. The cross did not arrive in time for a dedication service prior to donors' departure after a vacation in the Berkshires, but will be dedicated in the near future. We are all grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Schots for their thoughtful gift.

A series of five church public suppers have brought us in the sum of $521.92 and the church is deeply grateful to all those who have worked so hard to make these suppers the tremendous success they have turned out to be.

Our Sunday School started on October 7 and the very young, under the leadership of Mrs. Kenneth Jones, are meeting in the parsonage. We needed more room on account of the growth of the Sunday School.

During the two weeks of the Pastor's vacation, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Frank Crook of North Egremont, a retired minister, whom we were most fortunate to get as he is in great demand by other churches in the Berkshires and outside as well. He was somewhat startled to be greeted on his first Sunday by a turkey strolling around the churchyard. It belonged to the Richard Lorings, otherwise it might have been on someone's Thanksgiving table.

So pleased were the Bill Leipzigs of Webster Road with our bountiful church suppers that they gave us ten large baskets for our ffrench bread. (In return, we'd like to say that if ever any of you need beautiful baskets of any sort, contact Mr. Leipzig, for his firm makes them. We are sure you'll get your money's worth.)

A son, Thomas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lloyd of South Lincoln, Mass. The young man is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh, who, by the way, we are very happy to say, are now permanent residents of Tyringham!

A son, Charles Francis Luchars, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luchars of Tyringham and New York, their third son. He arrived in Pittsfield General Hospital July 30 and weighed 7 lbs.

Myrtle, the Turtle, is keeping a "whether" eye out for the stork (whether its coming or not and how soon!). She reports only two prospects at present.

Laura Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong of Lee, formerly of Tyringham, was married to Alfred Mango of Lee in the parsonage on Saturday, August 4.

On Oct. 6, Nancy Ruth Rowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rowley of Sandisfield was married to Corporal Ronald A. Loring, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loring of this town. The wedding took place at 2:00 P.M. in Union Church. Ronny's brother, Fred, of Dalton, a former Tyringham resident, played the organ for the service. The church was filled to capacity.

On Saturday, October 20th, the church was again filled for the evening wedding of Evelyn Ann Twing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Twing, to Fred R. Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Read of Lenox Dale.

(Ed. Note:- We don't attempt to describe what brides wear because we have no idea in the world what a ballerina-length gown is anyway, and we'd thought they were much shorter than they turned out to be. Nor do we know what a scoop-neckline is or seed-pearls or aurora borealis crystals. And whatever in the world a sheer peacock Nylon over taffeta dress is, we have no idea, even now! So, ladies, please forgive us.)

The marriage of Theresa Gloria Capitanio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Capitanio of Lee to Dudley L. VanOrman, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chester VanOrman of Tyringham will take place in St. Mary's Church, Lee, on Thursday, November 22 at 9 a.m.

The annual fair and rummage sale of the Hop Brook Club netted $645 and the Club generously voted $200 to the general expenses of the Church.

We welcome to the neighboring town of Lee and to our church services, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carlson and children, Stephen and Cynthia, who have come to the Berkshires from Florida. Mr. Carlson is a former Tyringham resident of Fernside.

We also welcome to Tyringham Mrs. Beverly Clark Sanders and her four children, Deborah 20, Vickey, 12, Judy 11 and Clark 10. They are living in the Swart house, near the Soules family.

The Darrell Davises, owners of the former Orchard House, have taken off the spend the winter in Puerto Rico, where Major Davis is stationed. Residing in their home for the present is another family we warmly welcome also, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gaffney and their four children, Harvey Jr., Marcia, David and Mary. Mr. Gaffney is Dean of Lee Academy.

It was nice to have a former Tyringham summer resident come back to Tyringham with his family for the summer --- Dr. and Mrs. John DuBois summered in the deSelincourt residence. And it was good to be able to see John's father, Mr. Arthur DuBois

Tyringham's crack softball team, the Tyringham Colonels, has had a very successful season this past summer, but, due to modesty or something, we can't get the scoring records. Anyway, we congratulate them all and wish them well.

Myrtle, the Turtle, is acquiring a swelled head. It seems that instead of calling in exterminators to get rid of water beetles and other nuisances, home-owners-in-the-know are grabbing up turtles and giving them free run of their cellars. These turtles eat the beasties and prevent their return better than insecticides or poisons. All the turtle needs is a box of dirt and leaves, a supplemental diet of pieces of raw meat, lettuce or a banana. So Myrtle expects to go into business soon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dyer were surprised on Sunday, July 22, at a coffee hour after church in observance of their silver wedding. They were married July 24, 1937, at the Village Church in Dorchester. Mr. Dyer is Scout Executive of Berkshire Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Treasurer of Union Church. Mrs. Dyer sings in the "chwyer" along with her husband and she is a deaconess in the church. They have two children, Beverly and Arthur.

We were proud to read about a venture into journalism of a Tyringham boy, George Gilder, a graduate of Harvard -- why Harvard, we don't know. Anyway, he has started a magazine called "Advance" and he has two associates in the venture. It has had a few press notices in newspapers and magazines. The rest of the staff is Harvard, too, but it is an ultra-Republican magazine, which will please the majority of George's fellow-townsmen in Tyringham. George got his start in journalism on our favorite newspaper, the EAGLE, which recently gave him a fine write-up. We wish him well and as soon as we can find out his address and scrape up $2.00, we'll send in our subscription. George is the son of Mrs. Gilder Palmer.

Mrs. Sidney Howard staged her annual pet show for the children of Tyringham late this summer and the affair was a great success, every child receiving an award and no one going

away disappointed. Those who thought up all the various classifications showed superb imagination and initiative. (Ed Note:- we're sending in our recommendation of Mrs. Howard to President Kennedy for the Diplomatic Corps.)

Tyringham's young men in the armed forces are always in our thoughts, particularly so now that a great world crisis confronts us. So, a brief word as to their whereabouts: Sp/4 Edward Choquette and Sp/4 Gerald Clark (with his wife) are in Germany and just how hot a spot this is now) we cannot say. But it's plenty warm! Bruce Logan with the army in Korea has been promoted to Sp/5. So he's watching that side of the globe. Cpl. Ronald Loring, with the Marines, along with his brand new wife, is or was in the south at Camp LeJeune, but in view of the activities in the Carribean, we don't know for sure where he is at this moment. This also is true of Marine Sgt. George (Sid) VanCrman, who since our last letter, has been just about all over the far east. (Sid's wife, "Mickey" with her two children are living in a trailer in Lee). PFC Kenneth Winters took part in the Strike Command exercises in the Carolinas in August. All land, air and water equipment was used. He is with the Commandos, toughest of the tough! and an army battle group. Pvt. Gerald Fawcett (whose wife was Eugenie Rudd) is in training at Fort Dix and after six months training there he will be assigned to an army reserve unit. The prayers of all of us are for these Tyringham men wherever they may be on our country's wide-spread fronts.

Mrs. John Curtin, active representative of the Red Cross in Tyringham, last summer organized the annual Red Cross swimming class, with Mrs. J. Neil Curtin in charge. There were nine lessons, free of charge, under a qualified instructor. The mothers, as they have for the past five years, ran a car pool. Those taking the course were Kenneth Jones (Swimmers Class); Darleen Curtin, Martha Birkett, John Curtin, Richard Cernik, Stephen Hale, Robert Choquette, Kenneth and Janice Whalen, Peter Day and Donald Cernik (Intermediate Class); and the Beginners Class was made up of David Hale, Chuckie Slater, Douglas de-Sousa, Susan Slater, Martha Day, David Curtin, Dawn Cernik, Linda Jones, Sarah Beahn, Weddy, Kathy, Norman and Terry Soules.

All for now, folks,

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WINTER ISSUE

Dear Folks,

This newsletter is being written on a stormy winter afternoon and the threes and shrubs everywhere are very beautiful with the snow clinging to every inch of them. But the roads are slippery and slushy and we have just returned from a somewhat hazardous Sunday trip to New Boston and Tyringham for church services. In the bigger cars, people were in trouble but not our VW, which seems to thrive on bad weather. By the way, did you read about the Volkswagen that ran into a moose in New Hampshire and killed it? Maybe we should have used it to track down deer last fall. We might have done better than some of our Tyringham hunters!

In case you summer residents haven't heard, Tyringham and neighboring towns in the Berkshires started the year with 50 mph winds and 15 below zero temperature. Some people stayed up all night, their houses shook so. Waterpipes were frozen; some burst; and one man's uppers and lowers chattered together so much they wore down and he had to have new ones made! That's how cold it was!

But to the news --- the annual meeting of Union Church took place on January 9 with the following being elected to the various offices: Arnold Hale, Moderator; Holly Darey, Clerk; Arnold Hale, Deacon; Constance Dyer, Deaconness; William Dyer, Treasurer; Everett Fennelly, Auditor; Mrs. John Curtin, Trustee; Mrs. Percy Stanton, Member-at-Large of Church Committee; Russell Loring, Finance Committee; Mrs. Neil Curtin, Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Willis Hale, Asst. Supt.

The Hop Brook Community Club has had a very active and helpful year. The Club has raised funds and donated (last January) $100 for church expenses. In October, it gave $250 for painting the Parsonage (delayed on account of winter); $10 for the heifer project; $10 for CARE and other contributions to foreign missions as well as to helping needy families. Mrs. Robert DuVernois is the hard-working, conscientious President of Hop Brook; Mrs. Richard Birkett, Vice-President; Mrs. F.L. Couch, Secretary, and Mrs. Duane Slater, Treasurer. The Club meets monthly and all women of the community are invited to join. (Last Tuesday they met and "tied off" a quilt, whatever that means! Sounds sort of exciting. Wonder if it's anything like tying up a calf at a rodeo?)

Speaking of "Tying," Poor Myrtle, the Turtle, is fit to be tied! The stork has been around again and is coming back several times more! On New Year's Day, it brought a 5 lb. 3 oz. son to Terrence Francis and Marilyn Decker Curtin of Lee. The young gentleman was born in Pittsfield General and is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Decker of Lee. It is said that the baby was born with a pitcher's glove, ready to follow in his dad's footsteps. Then, on January 4, a son arrived to Alfred Eugene and Laura Armstrong Mange of Lee, also at PGH. The boy is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong of Lee, formerly of Tyringham. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. Myrtle, the Turtle, is still in a dither for the stork is scheduled to come flapping over Tyringham three times more before long and once in a nearby town. Myrtle hears, too, of another stork flying over an army post in Germany, but she's not nervous about that one. It's the noise of flapping wings that terrify her.

While we're on the subject of offspring, we have some interesting news to reveal-- Mrs. Percy Stanton holds a sort of record. She has 12 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren and they are soon to be 30! Can anyone in Tyringham challenge that record?

The marriage of Dudley VanOrman, formerly of Tyringham, and son of the late Chester and Hazel VanOrman, to Theresa Gloria Capitanio took place on Thursday, November 22, 1962, in St. Mary's Church, Lee.

A long-time resident of Tyringham and devoted and generous member of Union Church, died in San Francisco on December 21 last year. She was Ailene Hale Shearer, 85, daughter of the late Charles and Anna Heath Hale. She was born in Tyringham July 15, 1877. She attended the local school and the Wilbraham Academy Secretarial School. She married Frederick Shearer, Vice-President and Foreign Sales Manager of the American Radiator Co. and lived in London and Paris for many years. Following the death of her husband, she took up residence in San Francisco, coming east each year to spend the summers with her brother, the late Everett Hale, in the family homestead now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Hale and son, David. Mrs. Shearer was on the "Athenia" at the time it was shelled by the Germans and sunk September 3, 1939, west of the Hebrides. She lost everything but was rescued and taken to Nova Scotia. She is survived by a son, Russell Shearer, and two grandchildren who live in San Francisco. Mrs. Shearer was the donor of the doors on the pews of Union Church, the Colonial pulpit with three matching chairs and the Communion table with two chairs. She joined Union Church on October 5, 1962, the first member to be received into this church by its present pastor.

Miss Olive Lucinda Slater, 89, another former resident of Tyringham, died January 7 in Pittsfield General Hospital after a short illness. Had she lived two weeks longer, she would have reached the age of 90. She was the daughter of Charles E. and Aurelia Hubbard Slater and as a child lived in a house that stood opposite the present home of Charles Slater and family. She taught school in Cambridge for 19 years and then resided in Boston until she came to Tyringham seven years ago with her sister, the late Mrs. May Slater King, to live with Mrs. Duane Slater. Mrs. King, 93, died in May of 1961.

The dedication service of the Lucina Schots Sawyer memorial silver cross took place on Sunday, November 18, 1962. The cross was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schots of Sotithampton, N.Y., who were unable to be present, but several relatives and friends attended the service.

Last December, we held our annual Christmas Service followed by our Candlelight and Carol Service in the evening, which were well-attended. The Holloway Memorial Music

Tower gave forth Christmas carols during the Christmas season. They sounded particularly beautiful over the quiet snowy valley.

Our Sunday School has asked us to beseech the person who borrowed their flannelgraph about a year ago, to please bring it back -- they need it!

Tyringham School held its usual enjoyable Christmas tree in the Town Hall, with Santa Claus making his appearance at the end. The town is most fortunate to have a gifted, devoted teacher such as Mrs. Welch.

When you folks come again to our monthly church suppers, you will find the parking lot at the rear and side of the church brilliantly lighted by a two-bulb outdoor corner light. The donor wishes her name kept a secret, but we must say her gracious gift is most appreciated.

We have received an interesting letter from a former Tyringham boy who left the valley 23 years ago last November to enlist in the U.S.Navy. He is Ashwell B.Heath and he retired from the Navy on January 18, 1960, after twenty years of service, as you can see. He wrote to thank us for sending him Tyringham Topics and to tell us about his doings, which we wish other Tyringhamites would do. He wrote that, at present, he is living in Norfolk, Virginia, and is employed by the Federal Civil Service as a naval inspector for new construction at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Corp. He has had the privilege of being one of the navy inspectors assigned to "The Greatest Ship in the World, the nuclear aircraft carrier, ENTERPRISE, CVA (N) 65." He also participated in her sea trials held prior to her commissioning in November, 1961. He has also worked on the USS HUNLEY, a submarine tender for the nuclear submarines. He is presently assigned to the aircraft carrier USS AMERICA, CVA 66, which is the latest carrier under construction. We hope he will return to the scenes of his childhood soon so that we may meet him.

Dr. and Mrs. McIntosh, now residents of Tyringham, we are proud to say, have been very active and on the go, ever since their retirement. They have been canoing and camping in Canada, dashing now and then to New York, writing, lecturing, attending board and committee meetings. Their children, being McIntoshes, are also very active and, known as they are to so many of you folks, we thought you'd like to know what they are doing, so we will try and tell you briefly. Jim lives in Cambridge and teaches part time at Tufts College while reviewing for his general Ph.D. exams at Yale (good for you, Jim) Carey is reviewing for his at Harvard, (we've heard of that place) teaching one section of a literature course while his wife, Nadia, continues her job on the Atlantic Monthly. Sue and Bob have moved to Andover, Mass., where Bob is teaching at Phillips Andover Academy, while Sue is busy with her three children, but goes regularly to read for a 7th grade course on the Far East. Ken is at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston as an intern on the medical service. Dick is in his second year at The Cambridge School in Weston, teaching math and physics and coaching soccer. His wife, Marjorie, is doing her first year of graduate work in medieval history at Harvard. (There's that word again!)

We read that skunk fur coats are coming in style, whis has Pompey, the parsonage polecat, a bit nervous. We see signs that he may be around but we don't know. You see, he knew we objected to him for a well-known reason and, being a considerate animal, he had himself operated on. Must have cost him quite a bit for he hasn't a (s) cent left!

Mrs. John Curtin has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Berkshire Chapter of the Red Cross. She has certainly put Tyringham on the Red Cross map in several ways.

Jon Kraszeski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski, who plays the trumpet in the Lee High Band, was one of three students selected to play last December 8 in Agawam in a Western Massachusetts District Band -- another honor for Tyringham, as the best musicians from various high schools around here were chosen.

We guess that about wraps up this issue, except for news of our Tyringham boys in the armed forces, which we save for the last so as to have the latest available on them. Sp/4 Edward Choquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Choquette, took part in a large-scale NATO exercise of the army called FALLEX, which tests the overall combat readiness and effectiveness of NATO forces. Eddie is a wireman in Hq. Battery of the 5th Field Artillery. Graduating from Lee High in 1960, he enlisted in the army that fall and went overseas in 1961. Sp/4 Gerald Clark and his wife, Elsie, are in Germany with the Army and keeping an eye on N.K. Sp/5 Bruce Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Logan, stationed with the army in Korea, recently (Christmas) attended the Bob Hope Show and possibly you can spot him on a TV showing of that performance if it comes your way. Cpl. Ronald Loring of the Marines, back from duty at Guantanamo where he helped tell Castro off, is back in Camp LeJeune, where his wife, Nancy, has joined him. Master Sgt. Sid VanOrman of the Marines is flitting hither and thither in the Far East; last we knew - training in the Philippines for helicopter service in Viet Nam. His wife, "Mickey" and two children reside in a spacious trailer in South Lee. And Sp/4 Kenneth Winters, looking hale and hearty, was home for Christmas and it was good to see him. He will soon be on his way somewhere from Fort Carson in Colorado.

Well, we hope we've covered all we had to tell you, but if something is lacking it's because we weren't reminded of it or no one told us. And one of the things that we'd like to be kept up to date on are address changes. Some people just don't get Tyringham Topics because they fail to notify us when they change their address. Several copies came back last fall and now, with still higher postage rates, we don't like to have any come back, but mainly we want every Tyringhamite to get their TOPICS.

Yours for Tyringham,

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SPRING ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

IT'S SORT OF NICE TO SIT DOWN AT THIS TYPEWRITER AND WRITE TO YOU AGAIN, EVEN THOUGH THIS MACHINE DOES MISPLACE LETTERS NOW AND THEN. AND THIS ISSUE WE HAVE TO CUT ON STENCILS OURSELF AS MISS AGNES CURTIN IS UNABLE TO DO IT. IT SEEMS SHE IS COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED FROM LIFTING HER LITTLE RENAULT OVER THE NUMEROUS MUDPUDDLES OF EARLY SPRING. NOW IF SHE ONLY HAD A VOLKSWAGEN, ALL SHE'D HAVE TO DO IS EQUIP IT WITH A PERISCOPE AND GO RIGHT THRU 'EM!

THIS IS BEING WRITTEN THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING EASTER, WHEN THE CHURCH WAS WELL-FILLED. BUT SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED BECAUSE THERE WERE A LOT OF EMPTY PEWS TODAY! BUT ANYWAY, IT WAS NICE TO SEE SO MANY THERE ON EASTER. (HOPE WE SEE A LOT OF YOU BACK AT CHRISTMAS - IF NOT SOONER.) WE HAD EASTER MUSIC ON THE HOLLOWAY MUSIC TOWER SYSTEM, EASTER MUSIC BY OUR CHOIR, AND THERE WERE MANY BEAUTIFUL FLORAL MEMORIALS IN THE SANCTUARY. THE EASTER CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MUCH GREATER THAN A YEAR AGO AND THE HOLLOWAY AND HERNDON FAMILIES GAVE US CONTRIBUTIONS WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE MORE RECORDS FOR THE MUSIC TOWER.

TYRINGHAM'S POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW AND THE NERVES OF MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, GET JITTERY FROM THE FLAPPING OF THE STORK'S WINGS. BUT SHE THINKS SHE CAN STAND IT JUST SO LONG AS THE STORK DOESN'T CHANGE TO JET-PROPULSION. WITH TWO MORE STORK FLIGHTS IN THE OFFING, THE STORK HAS BROUGHT THE FOLLOWING SINCE OUR JANUARY ISSUE:-

A DAUGHTER, PATSY ANN, TO NORMAN NIGARD AND PATRICIA CURTIN SOULES ON JANUARY 31ST IN PITTSFIELD. SHE IS A GRAND-DAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS JOHN CURTIN OF TYRINGHAM.

A SON, JOHN RUDD FAWCETT, TO JAMES & EUGENIE RUDD FAWCETT ON MARCH 3RD IN PITTSFIELD. HE IS A GRANDSON OF MR & MRS JOHN RUDD OF TYRINGHAM & PRINCETON, N.J.

A SON, SAMUEL WALTER SLATER, TO CHARLES & ELIZABETH BLASS SLATER ON MARCH 4TH IN PITTSFIELD. HE IS A STEP-GRANDSON OF MRS. DUANE SLATER.

(MAY WE ALSO ADD, WITH DUE PRIDE ALSO, THAT WE HAVE A NEW GRAND-DAUGHTER, LAURA PIERCE COUCH, BORN TO OUR YOUNGEST SON, ROBERT, AND HIS WIFE, JANET CAMERON COUCH, ON MARCH 3RD IN NORTHAMPTON. BOB IS A TEACHER AT WILLISTON ACADEMY IN EASTHAMPTON.

On March 15th, the marriage of a former Tyringham young lady took place in Lee. Dorothy Armstrong, daughter of Mr & Mrs Charles Armstrong of Lee was married to Raymond Sour,Jr. also of Lee.

And on April 13th, a former Tyringham young man was married in Vermont. Richard Hoyt Birkett, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Birkett of Tyringham, was married to Miss Shirley Ann Runnells of Amsden Village, Wethersfield, Vt. the daughter of Mr & Mrs LeRoy Guyette of that town. Carl Butler,Dick's brother-in-law was best man. The couple will live in Brattleboro, Vermont.

And on Saturday, May 4th, Miss Josianne Ford, daughter of Mrs. Cecile M. Ford of Lenox, formerly of Tyringham, will be married to Robert Erwin DuVernois, Jr, son of Mr & Mrs Robert E DuVernois of Tyringham, the wedding taking place in Union Church.

Mrs. Bayard James, long-time summer resident of Tyringham, died in New York City very suddenly on March 12th. She was greatly interested in Union Church and in this community. She did a great deal for the Church and whenever the Church needed anything badly or there were costly repairs to be made, Mrs. James always contributed very generously. Among other things, from her we received the deep red carpet, the covered pew cushions, the weather-insulation of the parsonage, and the hot-water heating system for the same. Along with others she made possible the extensive repairs to the Church Tower; the new boiler and heating system in the Church and the mimeograph and other things. She did much for the Community and individuals likewise. She has also remembered Union Church in her will.

Tyringham has lost recently, two long-time and much loved citizens, both of whom will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Freda McCarthy, wife of Ward McCarthy, died March 31st after a long illness in her home. Mr & Mrs McCarthy celebrated their Golden Wedding April 19, 1961. Her funeral service took place in Union Church on April 2nd with burial in Tyringham Cemetery. Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Ward A. McCarthy, of South Egremont; three sisters and several nieces and nephews. She was 77.

Charles VanDeusen, 57, died in Pittsfield on April 16th. His funeral service took place in Union Church on April 19th; with burial in Tyringham Cemetery. He leaves his wife, the former May Loring, a brother and several step-brothers and step-sisters.

And known to a number of Tyringham people, Gerrit VanLeeuwen, of South Egremont died suddenly in that town, leaving his wife, the former Jastke Neve; a mother in Amsterdam, Holland, a son, two daughters and four grand-children. He and his family came to this country from Holland following World War 2 and, at one time, contemplated buying Orchard House from the Barrhydts. Burial took place in Great Barrington.

One of our TOPICS readers is a retired minister, Rev. Arthur Simmons of Southfield, who happens to be a Harvard graduate. He likes Myrtle, the Tyrtle, very much -- likes TOPICS in toto very much but he "regrets" very much that ye editor does not apparently know that "Harvard is, in the main, a fairly good school, situated on the Charles River in Cambridge, Mass." (Ed. note:- Glad to hear where it is. We were under the impression it had been moved to Washington.) Our good friend, though, had the nerve to invite us to see Harvard defeat Yale in baseball in June! (Talk about optimists!)

We recieved a postcard from Major Darrell Davis and his family, of Porto Rico and Tyringham, sent us from Panama, telling us that they expect to be back in Orchard House in June. Welcome back Major, Jean, Karen and Jim!

Blaine Littell, son of Mr. and Mrs Robert Littell of New York, Paris (and other places around the world!) has been named head of the CBS New Paris Bureau. He has been with CBS for the last ten years with the last two being spent in Africa. Prior to CBS he served in the U. S. Army (good guy) during World War 2 and attended YALE (smart guy, eh!) and Columbia Universities after he was discharged. In 1947 he went to England to work for the British motion oicture industry, met Miss Antoinette Francois of Geneva, Switzerland and they were married. Returning to the US, he wrote for the DENVER POST, did a movie script for Samuel Goldwyn, joined the staff of the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE (our favorite newspaper next to the BERKSHIRE EAGLE) and thence to CBS. The Littells have three children, Philip, Peter, and Anita. Knowing that his father is a "Roving Editor" for the READER'S DIGEST, one can understand how Blaine Littell covers so much ground. He is the grandson of the late Distinguished conductor, Walter Damrosch, and a nephew of our own Mrs Sidney Howard.

The following news item occurred when the New York newspaper strike was on so possibly some of our own readers did not see it. Hence we have brazenly snitched it from the BERKSHIRE EAGLE in a somewhat condensed form as stencils and mimeograph paper cost money and we don't want the Church treasurer in our hair --what's left of it.

Miss Rosamond Gilder (Tyringham Summer resident for years) Chairman of the United States Center, International Theater Institute, has been chosen to receive the Ninth Annual Kelcey Allen Award, given for contributions to the American Theater. Miss Gilder will be honored at a luncheon presentation at Sardi's Restaurant in New York City on March 4th. (Should now read "was" instead of"will be", of course.)

In addition to her position with the U.S.Center, Miss Gilder is a vice-president of the International Theater Institute and a special consultant to Lucius Battle, assistant secretary of state for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Miss Gilder, a drama critic and writer, has been associated with the American Theater for the past 25 years. She is the daughter of the noted Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the CENTURY MAGAZINE at one time and a former resident of Tyringham himself.

In 1924 she joined the staff of "THEATER ARTS MONTHLY" and in 1945 became its editor-in-chief, holding this office until 1948. She has written a biography of her father, several books and bibliographies and various articles for international publications.

Speaking of noted Tyringham people and their doings, Dr. & Mrs Rustin McIntosh have been over in Europe, flying hither & thither and walking about, exploring Churches and Museums, in Italy, particularly in Rome, Florence and other interesting places.

Myrtle, the Turtle, has found out that that they are about to build a small house on the corner of Tyringham & Monterey Roads.

Myrtle, the old snooper, also heard that the Dr. Pafenheimers are building up on the hill behind their present house.

MYRTLE ALSO FOUND OUT THAT GENERAL AND MRS. MILES REBER HAVE TERMITES --- THAT IS TO SAY THEIR HOUSE HAS. AS A RESULT SOME OF THE OLD FLOORING HAS TO BE REMOVED AND NEW FLOORS CONSTRUCTED.

LITTLE TWO-YEAR-OLD JAMES DEAN CURTIN, SON OF MR. & MRS. PETER CURTIN, RECENTLY IMBIBED A HALF-CUP OF KEROSENE OIL. HE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL AND HIS TUMMY WAS PUMPED OUT. NOW HE IS JOINING THE KEROSENICS ANONYMOUS!

THE FOTO CLUBS WILL BE ORGANIZED AGAIN THIS SUMMER WITH A NEW CROP OF YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY. CLUB FOR GIRLS -- CLUB FOR BOYS AND ALSO ONE FOR ANY ADULTS WHO'D LIKE TO HAVE ONE. LEAVE A SLIP OF PAPER WITH YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AGE (EXCEPT IN CASE OF LADIES -- AREN'T WE TACTFUL?) AND STATE THE MAKE AND MODEL OF CAMERA YOU HAVE. THEN LEAVE SLIP WITH MR. CURTIN AT HIS STORE.

MANY OF YOU WHO KNOW MRS. COUCH'S FATHER, MR. REUBEN C. PIERCE OF DALTON WILL BE INTERESTED, IF NOT ASTONISHED, TO KNOW THAT THIS VERY SPRY YOUNG GENTLEMAN CELEBRATED HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 20TH!

OUR YOUNG MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES ARE ALL OK AND DOING THEIR DUTY IN FINE STYLE.

SP/4 EDWARD CHOQUETTE, SON OF MR. & MRS HARVEY CHOQUETTE, HAS GONE AND GOTTEN HIMSELF A FRAU - IN OUR LAN GUAGE A WIFE. AND FROM WHAT WE HEAR SHE IS A VERY FINE GAL. CONGATULATIONS TO HERR UND FRAU CHOQUETTE FOR A LONG AND HAPPY MARRIED LIFE.

SP/4 GERALD AND MRS. CLARK ARE ALL OK OVER IN GERMANY. GERRY IS THE SON OF MR & MRS WILBUR CLARK, JR.

SP/5 BRUCE LOGAN IS EXPECTED HOME VERY SHORTLY FROM KOREA FOR A NICE LONG VISIT WITH HIS PARENTS, MR & MRS ROGER LOGAN, BEFORE GOING BACK TO DUTY AT FORT DIX.

CPL. RONALD LORING AND HIS MISSUS ARE AT CAMP LEJEUNE.

M/SGT SID VANORMAN IS WITH MARINES IN VIET NAM AND HIS HELECOPTER HAS A NUMBER OF BULLET HOLES IN IT SO HE IS IN ONE OF THE DANGER SPOTS IN OUR WORLD. HE IS THE HUSBAND OF MADELIENE (MICKY) VANORMAN OF LEE.

SP/4 KEN WINTERS, WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY, IS HOME WITH HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL WINTERS FOR A 30 DAY FURLOUGH. THEN HE GOES TO KOREA TO REPLACE BRUCE LOGAN IN KEEPING AN EYE ON THE CHINESE REDS AND NORTH KOREANS.

(ED. NOTE:- WE FORGOT TO ADD TO R'ONNY LORING'S LINE THAT HE IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. FRED LORING, WHICH YOU DOUBTLESS ALREADY KNOW.

FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER, WE'VE MADE SEVERAL ERRORS ON THIS PAGE WHICH WE HAVE TRIED TO CORRECT. AND WE CAN'T BLAME IT ON OUR TYPE-WRITER LIKE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WE READ ENTITLED "WHO MAKES A CHURCH A SUCCESS?"

"XVXN THOUGH MY TYPEWRITER IS AN OLD MODXL, IT WORKS QUITX WXLL, XXCXPT FOR ONX OF THX KXYS. IT IS TRUX THAT THXRX ARX FORTY-SIX KXYS THAT FUNCTION WXLL XNOUGH, BUT JUST ONX KXY NOT WORKING MAKXS THX DIFFXRXNCX. SOMXTIMX IT SXXMS TO MX THAT OUR CHURCH IS LIKX MY TYPX WRITXR--NOT ALL THX KXY PXOPLX ARX WORKING PROPXRLY. YOU MAY THINK YOU ARE ONLY ONX PXRSON AND YOU WONT MAKX OR BRXAK THX CHURCH. BUT IT DOES MAKX A DIFFXRXNCX, BXCAUSX A CHURCH TO BX XFFXCTIVX NXXDS THX ACTIVX PARTICIPATION OF XVXRY PXRSON. SO, THX NXXT TIMX THINK YOU ARX ONLY ONX PXRSON AND YOUR XFFORTS ARX NOT NXXDXD, RXMXMBER MY TYPXWRITXR AND SAY "I AM A KXY PXRSON IN THX CONGRXGATION, AND I AM NXXDXD VXRY MUCH."

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM, FLC

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SUMMER ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

IF THERE ARE A LOT OF MISTAKES IN THIS JULY LETTER, PLEASE FORGIVE US. WE HAVE TO DO ALL THE TYPING THIS TIME AS OUR GOOD FRIEND AND EXPERT TYPIST, MISS AGNESS CURTIN, IS QUITE ILL BUT, WE ARE GLAD TO SAY, RECOVERING. IT SEEMS SHE WENT ON A VACATION TRIP TO IRELAND AND HAD A WONDERFUL TIME ON "THE OULD SOD". WHEN SHE RETURNED SHE CAME DOWN WITH SOME BUG, WHAT BUG NO ONE CAN DETERMINE. MYRTLE, THE TURTLE HAS COME UP WITH THE IDEA THAT SOME LEPRECHAUNS CAME BACK WITH HER AND WHO IS THERE CAN DISPUTE THAT DIAGNOSIS--CERTAINLY NO GOOD IRISHMAN WOULD. (ANYWAY, AG, WE'RE SORRY AND HOPE YOU'LL BE UP AND AROUND SOON.)

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WE ARE SURE, MRS. BAYARD JAMES, A DEVOTED FRIEND OF UNION CHURCH, ALWAYS MOST GENEROUS TO US IN HER LIFE-TIME, LEFT THE CHURCH A BEQUEST OF $10,000. THIS GIFT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY US ALL.

THIS GENEROUS GIFT MAKES A GOOD START FOR OUR ENDOWMENT FUND, OF WHICH THE INCOME MAY BE USED TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CHURCH -- AND WE NEED AND SHALL NEED SUCH INCOME FOR OUR EXPENSES AS THE NEEDS OF A SMALL COUNTRY CHURCH ARE A CONSTANT PROBLEM AND, IN PROPORTION, DOUBTLESS MUCH GREATER THAN THE PROBLEMS OF A LARGE AND WEALTHY CITY CHURCH. (ANY FUNDS GIVEN THE CHURCH FOR ANY SPECIAL PURPOSE SHALL, OF COURSE, BE USED ONLY FOR THAT PURPOSE.)

THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB LADIES (BLESS THEIR KIND AND GENEROUS HEARTS, HAVE PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH FOR ITS BASEMENT, A $600. ASBESTOS VINYL TILE FLOOR. THE BASEMENT IS USED, IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW, FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL, A COMMUNITY CENTER, ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AND CHURCH SUPPERS. THE NEW FLOOR BRIGHTENS UP THE BIG ROOM AND THE KITCHEN. THE STONE STEP ENTRANCE DOWN INTO THE BASEMENT HAS BEEN IMPROVED BY AN IRON PIPE RAILING CONSTRUCTED BY ROGER LOGAN, KEN JONES AND BILL DYER.

WE HAVE GOOD WORKERS IN OUR CHURCH AND WHEN THINGS BREAK DOWN, THEY'RE RIGHT ON THE BALL TO FIX 'EM. OUR WATER PIPE FROM THE PUMP IN THE PARSONAGE TO THE CHURCH BROKE DOWN AND ARNOLD, WILLIS AND GEORGE HALE, ROGER LOGAN AND KEN JONES REPAIRED IT DESPITE LOUSEY WEATHER.

AS WE WRITE THIS, WE ARE AWAITING REPAIRS ON OUR MUSIC TOWER SYSTEM -- THE HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL MUSIC TOWER. THE TIMING SYSTEM IS OUT OF KELTER AND WE EXPECT A MAN FROM THE FACTORY SOON. MANY AND

ANXIOUS HAVE BEEN THE QUERIES AS TO WHY THE CHIMES WERE NOT BEING PLAYED EACH NIGHT AT 6.00 PM AND BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAY. THE CHURCH COMMITTEE ASSURE EVERYONE THAT THEY WILL BE REPAIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND PLAYED REGULARLY AGAIN. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE HOLLOWAY AND HERNDON FAMILIES HOW MUCH TYRINGHAM APPRECIATES THEIR GIFT AND MISSES THE MUSIC WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG. (SEVERAL CHURCH MEMBERS AND SOME FROM OUT OF TOWN, SUCH AS MR & MRS R YMOND PARKER OF LEE HAVE GIVEN RECORDS FOR THE MUSIC SYSTEM. THESE GIFTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.)

THE PARSONAGE HAS BEEN NICELY PAINTED BY HARRY LORING AND JIM LORING, THE HOP BROOK CLUB HAVING LAID ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS LAST YEAR FOR THIS PURPOSE. WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THE HOP BROOK CLUB!

WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A CHILD CARE SERVICE IN THE PARONAGE EACH SUNDAY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF VOLUNTEER MOTHERS AND CAPABLE YOUNGER ASSISTANTS. THE PLAN HAS MET WITH WIDE APPROVAL FOR IT ENABLES PARENTS TO "PARK" THEIR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN THERE WHILE THEY ATTEND THE CHURCH SERVICES. THUS THE YOUNGSTERS ARE HAPPY, THE PARENTS ARE CONTENTED AND THE REST OF THE CONGREGATION IS UNDISTURBED.

LAST JUNE WE HAD A VERY FINE CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE CONDUCTED BY THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES. THE ONLY PART THE MINISTER HAD WAS BAPTIZING SAMUEL WALTER SLATER, SON OF CHARLES AND ELIZABETH SLATER; PATTY ANN SOULES, DAUGHTER OF NORMAN AND PATRICIA SOULES; NANCY ANN AND JOHN ARTHUR HEATH, CHILDREN OF HERBERT AND RUTH HEATH.

AND, SPEAKING OF BAPTISMS, THE PASTOR HAD THE HONOR OF BAPTIZING HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, LAURA PIERCE COUCH, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT AND JANET COUCH, ON SUNDAY, JULY 14TH.

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO THE VITAL STATISTICS, A SON, GERALD WILLIAM CURTIN (9LBS.7OZ) WAS BORN TO NEIL AND HELEN CURTIN OF TYRINGHAM ON MAY 16TH. GRANDPARENTS ARE MR & MRS JOHN CURTIN AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER IS MRS. PERCY STANTON.

AND A SON WAS ALSO BORN TO CAREY AND NADIA MCINTOSH OF CAMBRIDGE. THE YOUNG MAN'S NAME IS RUSTIN MCINTOSH, A NAME, INDEED, WORTH LIVING UP TO. HE WIEGHED IN AT 6LBS, 6 OZ ON MAY 23RD. AS YOU MAY WELL HAVE GUESSED THE GRANDPARENTS ARE MR & MRS RUSTIN MCINTOSH OF TYRINGHAM. (HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, NEW YORK CITY!)

ON MAY 4TH, RIGHT AFTER OUR LAST LETTER, JOSIANE LOUISE FORD, DAUGHTER OF MRS. CECILE FORD OF LENOX AND ROBERT ERWIN DUVERNOIS, JR SON OF MR & MRS. DUVERNOIS WERE MARRIED IN UNION CHURCH BY THE PASTOR. THEY ARE RESIDING IN LENOX.

LEDA PARKER, A DEAR FRIEND AND MEMBER OF UNION CHURCH, DIED APRIL 27TH IN PITTSFIELD. HER FUNERAL WAS CONDUCTED BY THE PASTOR IN THE WELLINGTON FUNERAL HOME IN PITTSFIELD WITH BURIAL IN LEE.

THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL'S MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES MEAN MUCH TO THIS TOWN AND, THANKS TO MRS. WELCH, THE EXCEPTIONALLY FINE TEACHER, THEY MEAN MUCH TO THE CHILDREN AS WELL AND WE CAN BE SURE THAT, THANKS TO HER, OUR YOUNGSTERS ARE BEING TRAINED TO LOVE AND RESPECT OUR COUNTRY AND THAT IS MUCH MORE THAN CAN BE SAID OF MANY SCHOOLS TODAY. THIS YEAR THE SERVICES HAD TO BE HELD IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. THE LEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND HELPED GREATLY AS USUAL AND HARVEY LAKE, EX-MAYOR OF PITTSFIELD GAVE THE MAIN ADDRESS.

SPEAKING OF THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL, THREE YOUNGSTERS GRADUATED THIS YEAR -- STEPHEN HALE, JANICE WHALEN AND CLARK SANDERS. THEY WILL GO TO LEE TO SCHOOL IN THE FALL.

AND SPEAKING OF GRADUATES, TWO TYRINGHAM BOYS GRADUSTED FROM LEE HIGH SCHOOL -- JON LUCYAN KRASZESKI AND THOMAS LOUIS FENNELLY AND A FORMER TYRINGHAM GIRL, ROSA ELIZABETH LORING OF OTIS AND A FORMER TYR. BOY, EDWARD FRANCIS VINER ALSO GRAUATED. JON GRADUATED PRO MERITO AND WON SEVERAL HONORS INCLUDING A $250. SCHOLARSHIP OF THE LEE PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. JON ENTERS THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS THIS FALL AND ROSA TAKES UP PRACTICAL NURSING AT ST. LUKES HOSPITAL IN PITTSFIELD.

JOHN CANON, WHO GRADUATED TWO YEARS AGO FROM LEE HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR GRADUATED WITH HIGH HONORS FROM WENTWORTH INSTITUTE IN BOSTON AND HAS GONE TO WORK FOR E.D.JONES COMPANY IN DALTON.

BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW WHAT IS AHEAD IN TYRINGHAM FOR THIS SUMMER - SO FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED:-

TUESDAY, JULY 23RD A FREE WILL OFFERING SUPPER IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT CONSISTING CHIEFLY OF TURKEY, HAM AND MEAT BALLS, HOME MADE ROLLS ETC. STARTS AT 5.30. SMORGASBORD TYPE - OR BUFFET OF CAFETERIA STYLE -WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT* COME AND EAT AND PAY WHAT YOU THINK YOU SHOULD -- NO SET PRICE.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH (1.00 TO 5.00 PM) IN THE TOWN HALL, THE ANNUAL HOP BROOK FAIR, FOOD SALE AND RUMMAGE.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH OUR EIGHTH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE, STARTING AT 5.30 PM

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THE FIREMEN WILL PUT ON THEIR BARBECUE LATER IN AUGUST, THE TYRINGHAM COLONELS, OUR SOFT BALL TEAM - AND A GOOD ONE - PLAYS ONCE OR TWICE A WEKK, THE PHOTO CLUBS WILL MEET WEEKLY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE WORKS, DATES UNKNOWN.

IN TRYING TO COVER EVERYTHING FOR YOU WE ALMOST FORGOT TO TELL YOU THAT WE CLEARED ABOUT $128.00 ON OUR SPRING TURKEY SUPPER IN MAY AND $147.00 ON OUR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN JUNE. (THE BERRIES WERE FRESHLY PICKED BY MRS. GRACE SLATER, MRS, CONNIE DYER, AND MRS, JULE HALE)

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, WHO HAS BEEN NUDGING MY ELBOW -HENCE WHAT MISTAKES THERE ARE, ARE HER FAULT -- CHALLENGES ALL OF YOU TO A 50 MILE HIKE A LA BOBBY KENNEDY. MYRTLE FIGURES THAT IF A TORTOISE CAN BEAT A HARE IN A RACE SHE CAN TRIM ANY OF YOU. WHO'LL ACCEPT HER CHALLENGE? MYRTLE WANTS IT RUN BEFORE THE END OF SUMMER AS SHE'LL BE TOO NERVOUS ABOUT STORKS LATER ON! (YOU KNOW MYRTLE!)

THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUBS ARE STARTING. THE BOYS ARE ROBERT CHOQUETTE, DOUGLAS DESOUSA, NORMAN SOULES, KENNETH JONES,, JIM DAVIS, JOHN GAISFORD, GLENN PAPPENHEIMER, DAVID HALE AND CHARLES SLATER,JR. AND ALAN KRASZESKI. THE GIRLS ARE DARLEEN CURTING KATHY SOULES, LINDA JONES, WENDY SOULES, MARTHA BIRKETT.

THERE IS ALSO TO BE AN ADULT CLASS WHICH IS BEING ORGANIZED.
BOYS MEET TUESDAYS AT 10.30
GIRLS MEET " AT 1.00
ADULT CLASS TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

STILL MISSING ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF OUR SUMMER RESIDENTS. WE HOPE THEY WILL SHOW UP SOON.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, APOLOGIZES TO THE REBERS. THEY DID NOT HAVE TERMITES (IN THEIR HOUSE). APPARENTLY THE UNDERPINNING OF THE KITCHEN FLOOR SUCCOMBED TO OLD AGE.

MARTY CLARK, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, BROKE HIS LEG IN TWO PLACES BUT IN NO TIME WAS UP AND AT WORK AGAIN.

SHAUN SMITH, SON OF MR & MRS RAYMOND SMITH IS NOW LIVING IN TEXAS WITH HIS SISTER, MARY GENE RUBIN AND HER HUSBAND. HE FLEW OUT IN APRIL AND WE ALWAYS ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT PEOPLE WHO RIDE IN PLANES BUT WHEN WE HEARD OVER THE RADIO LATE THAT DAY THAT ""BIG WIND HITS TEXAS WE DREW A SIGH OF RELIEF. WE KNEW HE HAD ARRIVED.

MR & MRS ALLAN GARNER HAVE MOVED FROM THE FORMER GILMORE HOUSE TO THEIR RECENT PURCHASE, THE CLIFFORD CANON HOUSE.

AND IT'S FAREWELL TO KENNETH BEAHNS, WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN MRS MAUDE LYMAN'S OLD HOME. WE WISH THIS NICE FAMILY HAPPINESS IN WHATEVER TOWN THEY LIVE IN.

WE WERE VERY MUCH INTERESTED WHILE READING THE MANUSCRIPT OF A HISTORY OF TYRINGHAM, WHICH WE'LL TELL YOU ABOUT SHORTLY, TO SEE MENTIONED THE "OLD COUCH HOUSE", WHICH TURNS OUT TO BE THAT NOW OWNED BY WILLIAM ROERICH AND KNOWN AS "LOST FARM". WE FEEL IT GIVES US EVEN A CLOSER KINSHIP WITH TYRINGHAM AS IT WAS VERY LIKELY BUILT BY A RELATIVE OF OURS. THE COUCH FAMILY ORIGINALLY CAME FROM LEE AND HAD OTHERS OF MY FATHER'S FAMILY, LOCATED IN VARIOUS SPOTS BETWEE HERE AND HARTFORD.

WE ARE HAPPY TO TELL YOU ABOUT A HISTORY OF TYRINGHAM WRITTEN BY MRS. ELOISE MYERS OF LEE, FOR A LONG TIME A RESIDENT OF TYRINGHAM AND WHOSE ROOTS ARE DEEPLY IMBEDDED IN THIS TOWN. ALL HER LIFE SHE HAS NEEN INTERESTED IN TYRINGHAM HISTORY AND PEOPLE. SHE HAS GATHERED COPIOUS NOTES, CLIPPINGS, PICTURES, ANECDOTES, ETC AND WITH THE HOPE, NOW BEING REALIZED, THAT SHE COULD PUBLISH A HISTORY OF HER BELOVED TYRINGHAM. I HAVE READ IT TWICE IN MANUSCRIPT FORM AND IT IS INTENSELY INTERESTING. MRS. MYERS HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, WHICH ADDS TO HER STORY ABOUT ITS PEOPLE OF YEARS AGO. THE PICTURES SHE HAS COLLECTED ARE PRICELESS. WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF TAKING SOME FOR HER AND COPYING OLD ONES FOR PUBLICATION. SHE RELATES IN GREAT DETAIL WHERE CERTAIN HOMES STOOD, WHO OCCUPIED THEM, AND WHERE THEY WERE LOCATED IN REGARD TO TODAY'S SITES AND OCCUPANTS.

MRS. MYERS IS A MEMBER OF THE UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM AND SHE PLANS TO GIVE THE PROCEEDS FROM HER BOOK TO HER CHURCH. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED AND ON SALE BEFORE FALL. IT WILL BE IN HARD COVERS, HENCE EASIER TO KEEP OVER THE YEARS, PRINTED ON GOOD PAPER -- WILL RUN AROUND 80 OR 90 PAGES. COST? NOT KNOWN AS YET BUT INASMUCH AS THERE WILL BE BUT ONE PRINTING AND THIS A SOMEWHAT LIMITED ONE, WE SUGGEST THAT ALL OF YOU WHO DESIRE COPIES INDICATE THAT DESIRE AND THE NUMBER OF COPIES YOU WANT AND SEND TO EITHER MRS. MYERS IN LEE OR TO THE EDITOR OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS, TYRINGHAM, MASS. (PRICE WILL BE REASONABLE, WE ASSURE YOU AND YOUR ORDER WILL NOT BE BINDING UPON YOU UNTIL PRICE IS DETERMINED.) BUT PLEASE ORDER SOON -- OR YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GET A COPY LATER.

WE HAVE NO SPECIAL NEWS FROM OUR YOUNG MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES, EXCEPT JUST TO SAY THAT GERRY CLARK & HIS WIFE, EDDIE CHOQUETTE &

HIS WIFE ARE IN GERMANY, KEN WINTERS IS IN KOREA, BRUCE LOGAN IS BACK FROM KOREA AND TEMPORARILY AT CAMP DRUM. RONNY LORING AND HIS WIFE ARE IN NORTH CAROLINA. HE GETS HOME TO VISIT HIS FOLKS AND HER FOLKS NOW AND THEN AND HE WROTE US A GOOD LETTER A WHILE AGO.

WE ARE HAPPY AND RELIEVED TO TELL YOU THAT SID VANORMAN IS HOME AT LAST AND A CIVILIAN, LIVING WITH HIS WIFE, "MICKEY" IN LEE AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. SID RECENTLY WAS IN VIET NAM, A STAFF SGT, IN THE MARINES AND HAD SEVERAL NARROW ESCAPES FROM COMMUNIST BULLETS. HE HAS SERVED HIS COUNTRY WELL AND WE'RE GLAD HE'S BACK HOME SAFE AND SOUND. HE IS OPENING THE SHEEL GAS STATION IN LEE, GOING INTO BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF.

THIS HAS BEEN AN UNUSUALLY LONG TYRINGHAM TOPICS. INASMUCH AS THE EDITOR IS EXTREMELY BUSY AT THIS SEASON PARTICULARLY, HE HAS HAD TO WRITE IT DIRECTLY ONTO THE STENCIL TO SAVE TIME.

PLEASE EXCUSE ERRORS, THEREFORE, AND TO MAKE UP FOR ERRORS WE'LL CHEER YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING POETIC EFFUSION.

SOME TIME AGO THE AMERICAN JERSEY CATTLE CLUB OF COLUMBUS, OHIO AWARDED A "TON OF GOLD" CERTIFICATE TO THE HOWARD FARM IN TYRINGHAM. (MRS. SIDNEY HOWARD, OWNER) HER COW, "TALISMAN BEZIQUE" PRODUCED MORE THAN A TON OF BUTTERFAT IN "THE PAST FOUR YEARS." --- 34,422 POUNDS OF MILK THIS COW GAVE TO MAKE THIS RECORD. IT HAS SO INTRIGUED A POETESS IN TYRINGHAM THAT SHE WROTE THE FOLLOWING:-

To T. B.
(A Most Superior Cow)

LET'S DRINK A TOAST TO TALISMAN,
TO TALISMAN BEZIQUE
WHO GAVE MORE BUTTERFAT PER DAY
THAN MOST COWS DO PER WEEK.

OH BOUNTEOUS GIVER OF THE BUT-
TER FAT WE GET IN MILK,
LET ALL WHO HEAR, YOUR PRAISES SING;
OH PEARL OF PEERLESS ILK.

O BLITHE AND BONNY BOVINE BEAST,
YOU'VE REACHED THE TOP-MOST PEAK.
A "PROSIT" THEN TO TALISMAN,
TO TALISMAN BEZIQUE.

FOR FOUR LONG YEARS YON NOBLE COW
DID STRIVE TO DO HER BEST;
AND ONE MUST NEEDS BE FOOL OR KNAVE
IF ONE WERE NOT IMPRESSED.

AND WHEN TO SOME CELESTIAL SWARD
SHE'LL WANDER OFF ONE DAY,
WHAT FITTER FATE, WHAT JUST REWARD. . . ?
"QUEEN OF THE MILKY WAY!"

J. R.

ALL FOR NOW, FOLKS, EXCEPT TO BE SURE AND SEND IN ANY CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

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AUTUMN ISSUE

Dear Folks,

Phew! What a short summer that was! Well, here we are again and a month earlier. Hereafter, we will write to you in December, March, June and September, as that schedule seems more timely. And we're happy to tell you that our expert (?) stencil cutter, Ag Curtin, back from a trip to Ireland and "thereabouts", is again typing this with her electric typewriter. By the time ye editor gets through writing copy, he doesn't feel like doing it all over again on stencils.

One of the highlights of the past few weeks is the publication of Mrs. Eloise Myers' history of Tyringham, entitled "A Hinterland Settlement." It sells for $3.50 per copy and 300 books were printed, with over 200 already sold. Everyone, we are happy to say, wanted a copy, and one woman took 11. In case YOU, by chance, failed to order one, you may have one by writing the Editor of Tyringham Topics, enclosing your check (made out to "The Tyringham History Fund" and we'd be pleased if you'd add to the amount 15¢ per book for mailing costs. Mrs. Percy Stanton and Mrs. John Curtin have a small backlog of books for sale, in case you are in their vicinity. But, the supply is dwindling fast. We feel you should know that Mrs. Myers, after spending years in research, is now paying the cost of publication and giving the entire proceeds to the Union Church in Tyringham. It is a very wonderful Christian act and we are all most grateful to her. It is not every church (nor very many) that has such a devoted member as Mrs. Myers. The $1000 plus proceeds will go into an endowment fund.

Our Every-Member-Canvass starts in October and we beg to remind all our members and friends of Union Church, that in spite of the $10,000 bequest of Mrs. James and this added gift of Mrs. Myers, only the interest from these funds can be used by our Church. Some may have the idea we are "rolling in wealth," but we are far from it and we have a terrific task to raise funds to keep going. Your Church sends you four times a year, free of charge, Tyringham Topics and it costs quite a bit to get it out. Paper, stencils, ink, envelopes and postage all cost money and we run off 225 each issue and it's growing in circulation. While the church publishes "Topics" it is an all-Tyringham publication and goes to all present and past Tyringhamites.

We work hard on our suppers, which have become quite famous around Berkshire County. On our Free-Will-Offering Supper in July, we made $157, and on our Chicken Barbecue

in August, we cleared $147. We appreciate so much the help that makes these so successful. Our Annual Harvest Supper, with turkey and all, is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15.

So far, Myrtle, The Turtle, has not been greatly upset by the Stork's flapping wings. As we write this, the old bird has visited two former Tyringham girls (but Myrtle has just butted in to say "Shush -- I think I hear a flapping sound from the center of the village" -- and off she goes to her shelter). Well, to resume, we happily announce two births: A daughter, Martha Lee Read, was born in Pittsfield September 7 to Fred and Evelyn Twing Read of Lee. The young lady's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Twing of Tyringham. And to Gerald and Donna Heath Drake of Lee was born a son on Saturday, September 14. The maternal grandparents, formerly of Tyringham, now of Lee, are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heath.

Tyringham lost one of its most prominent and popular citizens with the death on July 29 of Walter C. Stedman in the Veterans Hospital in Albany, N.Y. He was a navy veteran of World War I and was a building contractor. He was a member of Union Church. Besides his wife, the former Janice Storey, he leaves a daughter, Miss June Stedman; a brother Harold Stedman of Lee, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Johnson of Tyringham and Mrs. Wallace Tryon of Monterey. The funeral was held in Union Church on August 1 with later burial of the ashes in the Tyringham cemetery.

A well-known summer resident of Tyringham for many years, Mrs. Sarah Shiras Hudson, died suddenly in a New Haven Hospital on July 29 and her funeral was held in Union Church, of which she was a member, on August 2, with burial of the ashes in Tyringham cemetery. She leaves a son, Barclay Hudson, Jr., and a daughter, Sarah Hudson.

And now, September 20, as we were working on this issue, came the sad news of another beloved long-time member of our Tyringham community, Mrs. Jessie Hathaway Hale, 88, of Sunset Farm, who died early this morning. She was the widow of Clarence W. Hale. She came to Tyringham from her native home in Dalton to teach in the old South Center School. For many years, she was a devoted member and tireless church worker of Union Church. She was a member of the Hop Brook Club and belonged to Lee Grange for more than 60 years. She was also a member of Morning Star Chapter, O.E.S. She is survived by two sons, Arnold and Willis, both of Tyringham; a sister, Miss Jennie Hathaway of Pittsfield, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The funeral was held Sunday, September 22, in Union Church with burial in the Tyringham cemetery. The chimes in the Music Tower were played softly before the service in the Church, and afterwards while the brief burial service was being held in the cemetery. This has been a new custom we have adopted, subject, of course, to the wishes of the bereaved family.

The late Mrs. Bayard James, a devoted friend of Tyringham and of Union Church, requested that the Cobble, which, in her will, she devised to Edward N.Perkins, Dr. Rustin McIntosh and Mrs. Francesca Gilder Palmer as trustees pro tem, has been turned over by these Trustees to the Trustees of Reservations for care and preservation, which was the ultimate objective of Mrs. James' plans. The Trustees for Reservations hold for preservation for the benefit of the public, various properties in Massachusetts, including Bartholomew's Cobble, Monument Mountain Reservation and the Wahconah Park Reservation in Dalton. The whole purpose of the Trustees of Reservations is the care and preservation from encroachments and other causes of deterioration of places in Massachusetts which ought to be protected and preserved.

The Union Church Sunday School starts Sunday, October 6, at 11:00 A.M. and in the Church that day World Wide Communion Sunday will be observed.

Three camera clubs were active this summer: The Old Timers, Ken Jones, Bob Choquette and Alan Kraszeski, were on hand and the new photographers as well, Nickey Soules, Doug deSousa, David Hale, John Gaisford, Chucky Slater, Glenn Pappenheimer, Donald Cernik, Kathy and Wendy Soules, Linda Jones, Darleen Curtin and Jennifer Canon.

The Tyringham Colonels, our stellar baseball aggregation, must be very modest for we can get no information out of them. But we do know they were quite active throughout the season and very successful in the Southern Berkshire Softball League, finishing second in standing.

The Fire Department has run a block dance and super-successful barbecue, and the firemen wish to thank all who helped make these events so successful. The firemen are a very active group and deserve much credit for accomplishing much on their own to equip themselves and to train themselves to be of service to the town in time of emergency. Under the leadership of Chief Willis Hale, this department, with its enthusiasm, is going places -- and not just to fires! We wish each and all of them the best of luck.

Lord Arthur Salter of London, England, and Tyringham, U.S.A., last summer addressed the Lee Rotary Club on the common heritage shared by America and England in the English language. We quite agree with him that these two great countries should continue to stand together as they now do in a period that demands the best in world statesmanship. Lord Salter has been associated with English government since 1904 in various very important capacities. He has honorary doctorates from Manchester, Vienna, Amherst, University of California and Harvard, among other colleges and universities.

Ken Jones, Regional Forester, New England Forestry Foundation, had an interesting article in the "Eagle" a few weeks ago on Berkshire forestry. Ken is a graduate, we hasten to add, of the YALE School of Forestry.

John Kraszeski, who graduated from Lee High last June, is now at The University of Massachusetts and has made the Marching Band of the University. He is taking the "Pre-Med" course there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski.

And Peggy Reber, daughter of General and Mrs. Miles Reber, has entered Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield.

Rosa Loring, of Otis, is taking the Practical Nursing Course at St. Luke's Hospital in Pittsfield.

Eugene Curtin, a June graduate of The University of Massachusetts, has accepted a position with the FHA. Gene will leave for Washington this week.

Margaret (Maggie) Howard, daughter of the late great playwright, Sidney Howard, has taken up the profession of acting and made her professional first appearance this last summer in "The Cat and the Canary" at the Berkshire Playhouse. She is a graduate of Smith College and from a school of acting. We wish her all success in her career on the stage. May she see her name in lights on Broadway!

Tyringham's Red Cross Chairman, Mrs. John Curtin, has announced that this town has again gone over its goal quota, this time by $11.50. Mrs. Curtin also arranged for Red Cross swimming classes last summer, which many from Tyringham attended.

Mrs. George DeSousa has become the Tyringham correspondent for our favorite newspaper, The Berkshire Eagle, succeeding Mrs. Richard Birkett, who resigned.

Tyringham School has four new pupils this fall: Cindy Souies and Brenda VanOrman and Peter and Paul Adams, two newcomers to town. The school regrets losing Martha and Stephen Day, who have moved to Lenox. The Tyringham "59ers" Club has elected the following officers: President, Donald Cernik; Vice-President, Linda Jones; Secretary, Charles Slater and Treasurer, David Hale. Mrs. Welch adds that the school always welcomes former pupils who have left to go to higher classes and who come in to visit.

Tyringham expressed its regrets and "au revoir" to the Norman Day family on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at a reception in the Community Center, when they were presented with a copy of "A Hinterland Settlement" and General Reber, in behalf of the town, presented them with a pewter pitcher.

But, Tyringham welcomes the Stetson Adams family, who have moved from Orange and have purchased the Day house. They have four children: Peter (9), Paul (8), Sharon (4) and Steven (3). Mr. Adams is employed by the Massachusetts Dept. of Natural Resources

As for our service men, no startling news. Eddie Choquette and Gerry Clark are in Germany still; Ken Winters is in Korea, Bruce Logan is at Camp Drum, soon to go back to Fort Dix. Ronny Loring has been discharged from the Marines and is living with his wife, Nancy, in a trailer behind his parents' home.

Quite a number of ministers send Christmas greetings to their people and to their friends as well, through the medium of the Church or Town paper, such as Tyringham Topics. The greetings are just as sincere as those contained on any Christmas cards -- perhaps more so, for more can be said, coming from the heart. We plan to adopt this plan this Christmas and we hope all of you who receive Tyingham Topics will understand. The cost of cards and the increased cost of mailing forces us to do this and we really like the idea, as we have more freedom of expression. And, as we thought about it, we heard of other ogranizations that have been doing this for their members as well, getting out a special page and giving those who desired to do it the privilege of having their names listed on the page at the cost of $1.00, though some require as much as $2.50. So, as an experiment this December, we will run a special Christmas Greeting page in Tyringham Topics and all those of you who are interested as a family or an individual may send us $1.00 (for either the family or individual) and we will put your names down as greetings for Christmas on this special page. (We cannot print more than just your names, but the message will be all inclusive and will be a page in color, if possible). Christmas has been spoiled by all the commercialism. One has to buy so many and different cards, or have them imprinted, then buy postage stamps, address the envelopes -- all this will be saved you by this Christmas page. Any surplus left over from the expense of the page will go to lighten the burden borne by Union Church in sending out 225 Tyringham Topics each quarter. (PLEASE be sure we have your name or names before December 15 if you wish to share in this plan. This is the only notice you will receive.)

Yours for Tyringham,

F.L.C.

Christmas
1963

Season's Greetings

Christmastide is one of those rare times when our thoughts turn from the material things of life to the nobler, more beautiful ones . . . . to our loved ones and our personal friends . . . . and to the happiness we can give rather than that which is bestowed upon us. And so those of us listed below give to all of you, the sincere wish that there come to you in these holiday times an abundance of the truly precious things of life — Health, Happiness and Enduring Friendships. And may God bless your Christmas Fireside and grant to you a blessed New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma Alsop
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett & Martha
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Butler
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cabral & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John N. Canon & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Henning Carlson & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cernik & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Choquette & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr. & Family
Rev. & Mrs. Franklin L. Couch
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Curtin & Family
Mr. & Mrs. J. Neil Curtin & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Darey & Daughter
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Davis & Family
Mr. & Mrs. George de Sousa & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. DuVernois
Mr. & Mrs. William Dyer & Family
Mr. & Mrs. James Faweett & Son
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Fennelly & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Garner & Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Gelsleichter
Mr. & Mrs. George Hale & David
Mr. Donald Hale & Family
Mr. Ashwell Heath
Mr. & Mrs. John Heath
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. George Johnson & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jones & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski & Family
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Leipzig
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Logan & Bruce
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring, Sr. & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring, Jr. & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Charles McCarthy
Mr. Ward McCarthy
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
Mrs. Marie Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Perkins, Jr. & Family
Mrs. Mary Pike
General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Mr. & Mrs. John Rudd
Mrs. Beverlee Sanders & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Slater & Family
Mrs. Grace Slater
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Smith & Family
Mrs. Percy Stanton
Mrs. Walter Stedman & Daughter
Sunset Farm
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hawley Truax
Mrs. Charles VanDeusen
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon VanOrman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Whalen & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John D. Wilcox & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Winters & Family

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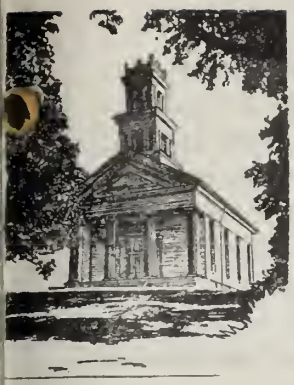

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DECEMBER 1963
WINTER ISSUE

Dear Folks,

Snow on the ground and wintry blasts arrived with a vengeance on December 1 and the winter of '63-'64 is here to stay. Myrtle, The Turtle, predicts it will not be as bad as last year's but we think this is just a guess that the old girl has come up with.

Each time we start to write up Tyringham Topics, we think that we haven't much to write about -- two pages maybe. Than as we list all the items we've accumulated, we find out how wrong we are. Tyringham may be a small town, but lots goes on here to write about.

To begin with, and quite appropriately, we are happy to tell you that Tyringham's population has grown: a daughter, Amy Marie Fennelly, arrived September 6 for Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fennelly. She is a granddaughter of Richard Fennelly of Tyringham and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Serra of East Lee. On October 18, a son, David Lee Loring, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Loring. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loring of Tyringham and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rowley of Sandisfield. On November 5, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Darey welcomed a daughter, Miss Jennifer Darey. Her paternal grandparent is Mr. Chas. Darey of Lenox and her maternal ones are Mr. and Mrs. Robert DuVernois of Tyringham. Mr. Howard Carlson, formerly of Tyringham, and his wife, now of Lee, are the parents of a son, Lawrence Edward Carlson, Born December 4. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carlson, who formerly lived on Fernside and are now in Florida. Our humble apologies go to former Tyringhamites, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Martin of Lee, who have a son, Dana Paul Martin, born May 29 this year, unbeknownst to Myrtle, The Turtle, and hence unreported. (Myrtle's face is very red!)

Edward Fennelly, son of Richard Fennelly, and the late Amy Fennelly, was married on October 4 in Lebanon, N.Y. to Dianne May Keiderling, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.Conrad Keiderling of Otis. The bride is a student at St. Luke's Hospital School of Practical Nursing and her husband, a carpenter (self-employed). They are residing in Tyringham at the Carlson residence.

Along with the happy news of births and marriages, it needs must be that we tell of sad news too. Sorrowfully, we report that Robert Littell, 67, an Editor of The Reader's Digest and former columnist and drama critic for the "New York World," died Thursday, December 5, in New York City. His funeral service was held there on Monday, December 9, and he was buried here in Tyringham that afternoon with a short committal service. He is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Philip Littell, a daughter, Mrs. Richard Brown; three sons, Blaine,

Walter, and Philip Littell; a sister, Mrs. William Platt; a brother, Whittemore Littell, and six grandchildren. A summer resident of Tyringham, he made his home in Paris. He was a great writer and fairly recently assembled into book form, a collection of 21 pieces he had done for The Digest. We have this book, which he autographed for us and which we shall always cherish. We reviewed it in Topics and received from him a note thanking us and telling Myrtle, The Turtle, to keep digging for truffles for he was sure there were some in Tyringham. (The first chapter referred to hunting for truffles.) There are many of us in Tyringham who will miss his friendliness and wit.

Along with the rest of our country and the world at large, this town was shocked and saddened by the tragic death of our great President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. On Sunday, November 24, at our church service, we paid tribute to his memory and again on Monday evening, at 7:30, we held a special memorial service so those, unable to attend church on Sunday, could join in such a service. We were touched at the words of one young man, who said, "At a time like this we feel we all belong together in our church." So right he was! We are grateful, indeed, to Henning Carlson, who, though he had not played the organ for five years, in the absence of our organist who could not be present Monday night, came and played beautifully.

Our Harvest Supper in October was not as successful as usual due to a stormy day, but the turkey left over was consumed the following Saturday when a Massachusetts Laymen's Luncheon was held in our Community Center -- a fortunate break for us in more ways than one. (And thanks to Bill Dyer who planned it.)

Now, please, good friends, don't get the idea that this church is reeking with wealth and needs no substantial financial support each year, for all the funds I'm about the mention to you are tied up and the interest only is usable. We have received the $10,000 bequest from the late Mrs. Bayard James and it is being handled by the special endowment fund committee of Messrs. Fred Judd, George Hale and William Dyer. We have received a gift of $250 from the Hale Family in memory of the late Mrs. Jessie Hale, the interest from this fund to be used only for the purchase of bibles for our Sunday School. And we have received $1,000 from the sale of Mrs. Eloise Myers' "History of Tyringham," entitled "A Hinterland Settlement." Mrs. Myers paid the costs of printing the book and turned the entire proceeds over to this, her church. This sum is now in the hands of The Trustees of the Church and the interest from it is to be used only for the maintenance of the church. There still remains a small balance in the account and we have four books still not paid for. These proceeds will eventually be turned over to the Trustees.

And, speaking of Mrs. Myer's book, so great has been the demand for it that the Church Committee has decided to print a second edition, which will be published next spring. It will have a hard cover and the same contents as the first edition, except that it will have a map or maps, showing the location of the homes about which Mrs. Myers has written. Many had wanted copies of this history of Tyringham for Christmas gifts, but failed to order in time. May we suggest that if anyone so desires and will send us $3.50 per copy, plus 15¢ for mailing costs, we would be very happy to send a gift certificate saying that this second edition will be mailed them immediately after publication in the Spring. Should anyone so desire, make check payable to "Tyringham History Fund" and mail to Rev. F.L. Couch, Treasurer, Tyringham, Mass. (Of course, if you want to order for yourself, you may do so.) We would add here that much of the sale's success of the book this year was due to the assistance in its distribution by Mrs. Percy Stanton and Mrs. John Curtin. (Individual maps to add to the copies of the first edition will be available also - at a reasonable price)

Christmas Sunday will be observed in our church on December 22 at 11: a.m. and at 7:30 that evening we will have our annual Christmas service of carols and candles.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF, under the supervision of Mrs. George DeSousa and Mrs. John Gaisford and The Bub Scouts was very successful and brought in $32. Mr. Jonathan William Gaisford, better known as "Johnny Bill," donated the Hallowe'en decorations (for keeps).

Thanks to the generosity of General Miles Reber, a group of 12 youngsters and somewhat older-sters, enjoyed a West Point football game last October. (Our sympathy, of course, goes to General Reber on the result of the Army-Navy game. Given one minute more, SIR, the Army would have won! Pardon us, please, if we do mention that we saw YALE smear HARVARD in the Bowl. It was worth freezing to see!!!

The Annual Meeting of Union Church, following a covered dish supper, will take place on Wednesday, January 9, 1964.

Mrs. Percy Stanton and Mrs. Marie Moore have snuck off to Florida for the winter and are, for the immediate present, visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarthy in Gainesville. (Two mothers-in-law in the same house!! Boy Oh Boy! Perrin Stanton is out in California with his son, Russell and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depping have sold their house and property to Eugene A. Schnell of New York. The Deppings will live in an apartment in Lee.

Mrs. Louise Hiscox had an exciting experience in early fall: Two characters, a man and a woman, came to her door, forced their way in and while the man held Mrs. Hiscox as hostage, so to speak, the woman prowled about upstairs and down and went off with a tea-cup, saying they would bless it and return it to her. Knowing Mrs. Hiscox, need we say she was quite nonchalant about it all! They never returned, as they probably foresaw that Mrs. H would be ready to bless them in her own way! And then, when Mrs. H. bade "au revoir" to Tyringham this fall and started back to her son's home in Arizona, much to her disgust she was delayed 2-1/2 hrs. at the airport in New York. Why? Her plane could not take off until Madame Nhu's plane took off!!! However, we hear that the Madame is going to reside in Paris, so Mrs. Hiscox, may we remind you that "No Nhus is good news!"

We welcome to Tyringham a new family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who have moved into the former Gilmore house.

The late Mrs. Olivia James' house and property in Tyringham has been purchased by Mr. Robert Luchars, already a summer resident here.

The annual Christmas Tree and Exercises of Tyringham School will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, December 19.

Eddie Choquette and Gerald Clark and their wives will observe Christmas with the Army in Germany. Bruce Logan is now at Fort Dix and Ken Winters is with the Army in Korea. Russ Loring has just gone into the Army and we think he's at Fort Bragg. All five in the Army!

Our Season's Greetings are conveyed to all readers of the Topics, along with many other families listed on a special page of this issue. In this way we feel we can better reach all our townspeople and friends everywhere, missing no one.

The Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution observed its 50th Anniversary in Union Church on Saturday, the 28th of September. Mrs. Richard Birkett is Regent of the Chapter and Mrs. Robert DuVernois is Secretary.

On December 18th, there will be a Supper and meeting of the Executives and Planning Board members and others of Berkshire Council, Boy Scouts of America. The supper will be served by the Hop Brook Community Club. Mr. Dyer is heading up the occasion.

S/Sgt Charles McCarthy of the 15th Weather Squadron, U. S. Army was recently decorated by the Army with the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as Chief Observer at Lawson Aviation Command on detached service from June 24, 1962 to Feb. 14, 1963. S/Sgt McCarthy is the son of Mr & Mrs. Charles McCarthy, formerly of Tyringham, now of Gainesville, Florida. He is the grandson of Mrs. Percy Stanton and Mrs. Marie Moore.

Jon Kraszeski, a freshman at the University of Massachusetts played with their Marching Band at every football game this year. The University won every game!

The George Johnsons, whom we mentioned earlier, have two children, Russell (2) and Walter (1) and we also welcome them.

We are grateful to Mrs. Larry Cernik and Mrs. Walter Stedman for their help in assembling the Christmas Greeting page and to our stencil-cutter, Miss Agnes Curtin for her usual fine work.

Yours for Tyringham,

FLC

POSTSCRIPT

Inadvertently we skipped two more notices of "WELCOME TO TYRINGHAM" and we found them just in time to add here --- so we bid welcome to:-

Mr & Mrs Kenneth Knickerbocker, formerly of Pittsfield, who have come to live in the new addition to the Raymond E. Smith house. They are the parents of Mrs. Smith. Mr. Knickerbocker is very active in the high levels of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox, and their children Mary Beth and John Jr. Mr. Wilcox is employed by Mrs. Sidney Howard.

Over in the "suburbs" of Tyringgham on Goose Pond, we have found Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Werden, who are new Tyringhamites. Mr. Werden is a veteran of two World Wars and therefore is a rugged young man! They, too, we welcome and hope they get over to the center of Tyringham often. FLC

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March 1964
SPRING ISSUE

Dear Folks,

We no sooner are back from a February vacation in Florida than it is time to write the March TYRINGHAM TOPICS. So far as sunshine was concerned, we could have gotten more if we'd stayed in the Berkshires, but, at least, we had no snow and ice. And it was nice to see the St. Pete immigrants from Tyringham, there for the Winter---Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Moore, the Fishers, and Miss Hiscox. All looked fine, you'll be glad to know. (We got spy pictures of Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Moore playing shuffleboard.)

But to take up the doings in Tyringham where we left off last December, the Church had its usual Christmas Sunday service and evening Candlelight and Carol Service, both well-attended. And Santa Claus in person came to the Tyringham School Christmas program and tree and the whole program was SUPER. Mrs. Welch, the teacher---well she's a great person!

The Annual Meeting of Union Church took place, Wednesday, January 8th when the following elected as officers: Moderator, Arnold Hale; Clerk, Holly Darey; Treasurer, Janice Stedman; Auditor, Everett Fennelly; Deacon (3 years) Arnold Hale; Deaconess (3 years) Carolyn Canon; Sunday School Supt., Helen Curtin; Asst. S.S.Supt., Juel Hale; Trustee (3 yrs) Fred Judd; Member-at-Large Church Comm.(2 yrs) William Dyer; Member Finance Committee (3 yrs) Alice Hale; Finance Comm. (1 yr) Francis Darey; Endowment Comm. (3 yrs) William Dyer.

By the time you read this, Palm Sunday will be over and possibly Good Friday evening service and Easter Sunday so we'll leave these stories for later. But we expect to add at least seven new members to our fellowship on Good Friday. We are conducting a Pastor's Class for four teen-agers.

It's always good to have Myrtle, the Turtle's list of births, even though storks make her terribly nervous. And so it is that we are able to tell you that a son, Timothy Leon Stanton, Jr. was born to a former Tyringhamite, Timmy Stanton, Sr. and his wife, Louise Blake Stanton on January 9. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Perrin Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blake, with whom the Timmy Stantons are living in South Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin became grandparents to two more grandchildren in December and in January when a daughter, Kelly Jean, was born December 20, 1963 to Terrence and MarilynDecker Curtin of Lee (other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Decker of Lee) and a daughter, Katy Beth, to James and Kathie Simone Curtin of Lee on January 22nd. (Grandfather Curtin's birthday!) The other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Simone of Lee. The John Curtins, by the way, have 20 grandchildren!

Dr. Charles W. Depping, of Lee, formerly of Tyringham, died last month. A native of New York he was formerly an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in New York's Manhattan Hospital's Clinic. Dr. and Mrs. Depping, who survives him, lived since 1939 in Tyringham.

William Thomas Black and Elfrieda Elaine McKenna, both of Dalton, were married in Union Church by the pastor on Saturday, February 2nd. They have often attended services here and were much impressed by the beauty of our Church so selected it for their wedding.

We were in Florida at the time of Town Meeting but we'll report in brief that it was a peaceful one---so we are told. The total appropriation was $83,378.06. Myrtle, the Turtle, has offered to give the town six cents to help out and keep the taxes down. There was a bit of discussion over the appropriation of $800. for an additional alarm system for Fire and Civil Defense emergencies but opposition died down. One particular item of interest is that the town voted to celebrate the 225th anniversary this year and the moderator was to name a committee of five, which he (Charles Slater) has done. The Committee consists of Henning Carlson, Grace Slater, Willis Hale, Dr. Rustin McIntosh and Charles Johnson. Details will be worked out by the Committee and reported to a special Town Meeting at some future date. (See further notice later in this issue.)

The Town Election one week later resulted in the following being chosen for office: Moderator, Charles Slater; Selectmen, Henning Carlson, Arnold Hale, Everett Fennelly; Town Clerk, Miss Alice Hale; Cemetery Trustee (2 yrs) Mrs. Grace Slater and for 1 year, Harry Hastings; Assessor (3 yrs) Charles Johnson; Park Commissioner (3 yrs) Peter Curtin; School Comm. (3 yrs) Mrs. Ruth deSousa; Tax Collector, Mrs. Betty Jean Cernik; Treasurer, George deSousa; Library Trustee, Mrs. Janice Stedman; Garbage Collector, Miss Myrtle, the Turtle.

Mrs. M. C. Gelsleichter of Craholla Farm in town, has hopes of an embargo against English sheep (a breed known as "Kerry Hill") may be lifted so she can import some. She describes them as a "dual-purpose" type, suitable for producing both wool and mutton. We hope she succeeds for we remember well Keene's Chop House in New York and its superb mutton chops. Then we won't have to go so far!

Interested in science and particularly in rockets (small ones) and model planes, four boys have gotten together and organized with Kenneth Jones as President, Stephen Hale as Range Officer, Richard Cernik as Secretary and Donald Cernik as Fire Officer. They are meeting once a week with the writer and Larry Cernik as consultants. (Not a bad title at that!) They plan to appoint Pompey, the Pole Cat as their first astronaut. By the way, Pompey this year has moved from the Parsonage to the Jones estate! A very scentsible thing from our viewpoint!

Bill Fennelly, son of Richard W. Fennelly, has enrolled at Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana. He was a 1953 graduate of Lee High School, served in the Army overseas after graduation, worked for several years and has now gone back to further his education. He deserves a great deal of credit for his ambition and we send him a pat on the back. ('Atta boy, Bill!)

Thanks to Bill Dyer and his son, Arthur, we have a new heading for TYRINGHAM TOPICS---good black and no cut-off letters. They ran a year's supply on the multilith after working days to get the machine operating right as it had long been unused. Likewise the same father and son, assisted by Roger Logan moved the music box of the Holloway System from the cold balcony to a warm spot so that it plays better.

It is interesting to hear from his mother that George Gilder is one of Governor Rockefeller's speech-writers.

We are grateful to the town for voting to keep the parking area of our Church plowed. By the way, we know some towns very nearby that can't hold a candle to Tyringham for keeping its roads clear of snow!

The "Tyringham Colonels", our town's soft-ball team made a splendid record in last years league games. But they are the only team in the league that has not uniforms. Some interested people are hoping to put on a supper to help raise these funds so our team can be in uniform and better equipped in other ways also.

Dr. Millicent McIntosh, President Emeritus of Barnard College and now, we are happy to say, a resident of Tyringham, is heading a committee of educators and laymen who will study plans for a proposed undergraduate women's college to be added to Hamilton College in Clinton, N. Y. This particularly interests us as our youngest son, Bob, was married by his father, to the daughter (Janet) of a Hamilton professor, G. Harvey Cameron, head of the Physics Department. The wedding took place in the very beautiful Hamilton College Chapel.

Tyringham young men in the Armed Forces of our Country are on the increase and Mr. Khruschev and Mr. Mao Tse Tung and Mr. Castro had better quiet down. Already in are Gerald Clark over in Germany with his wife, Bruce Logan, in Fort Dix, N. J., Ken Winters in Korea and Russ Loring in Fort Gordon, Georgia. These four are all in the Army. Now Dennis Curtin has joined the Marines for a 4 year hitch and Shaun Smith, the Navy. John Canon expects to take the six-month intensive training in the Army, starting in May under the Organized Reserves. Dudley VanOrman, formerly of Tyringham, now of Lee, is returning soon to the Air Force and we know of another who is seriously considering the Navy.

It is now Mr. Edward Choquette. Eddie is home from Germany with his wife, Rosa and their daughter, Sandra. They are living with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Choquette.

The second edition of Mrs. Eloise Myers' history of Tyringham, entitled "A Hinterland Settlement" is off the press and will soon be on sale. It is sponsored by the Church Committee of Union Church and the proceeds after costs will go to our Church. This second edition is exactly the same as the first but, in addition, it has four pages

of maps, which the first edition did not have. These maps are an Indian map of lands purchased in 1735 and settled in 1761, a map of Old Tyringham and borders 1739-1840 and a double page map of main Tyringham Road in 1864, showing the homes and who occupied them at that time. Due to the addition of these maps, the price of the second edition will be $4.00 per copy. Those, who have the first edition without the maps, may purchase the set of maps @ 50 cents per set. The first edition was sold out very quickly and those desiring this second edition should place their orders early, as due to the coming 225th Anniversary celebration, books will go quickly and the edition is limited. For the books kindly add the cost of mailing @ 15 cents per copy and for the maps only, the cost plus a mailing charge of 6 cents per set. You may mail your orders to any of the committee in charge of publication: Mrs. Percy Stanton, Mrs. John Curtin, Mrs. Duane Slater, Miss Alice Hale or Rev. F. L. Couch. The proceeds from the maps will likewise go in toto to the Church.

The officers of the Hop Brook Community Club for this year are President, Mrs. Robert DuVernois; Vice-President, Mrs. Richard E. Birkett; Secretary, Mrs. Franklin L. Couch; Treasurer, Mrs. Duane Slater; Material Aid Chairman, Mrs. William D. Dyer. The Club was very active last year, its projects including raising $200, towards the fuel bill of our Church, $200 for painting the Parsonage and $600 to pay the cost of laying asphalt tile in the basement of the Church. In addition the Club was generous in its support of its Missionary program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

THE CELEBRATION OF THE 225th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TYRINGHAM. All of you, please take note---and---hear this MISS ALICE HALE AND MRS. FRANCIS DAREY WOULD APPRECIATE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FORMER TYRINGHAM RESIDENTS, in order to acquaint them of the Anniversary Celebration. Postcards may be mailed to Miss Alice Hale, Sunset Farm, Tyringham, Massachusetts. (Maybe we, too, can add to our mailing list!)

Yours for Tyringham,

FLC

IMPORTANT POSTSCRIPT

THE TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF TYRINGHAM HAVE BEEN ERADICATED IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH ABOVE, DUE TO CHANGE IN PLANS. NO DEFINITE DATES HAVE YET BEEN SET BUT THE OBSERVANCE WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN MID-SUMMER.

THE COMPLETE COMMITTEE AS NOW ORGANIZED CONSISTS OF HENNING CARLSON AND ARNOLD HALE AS CO-CHAIRMEN. THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE GRACE SLATER, WILLIS HALE, DR. RUSTIN MCINTOSH AND CHARLES JOHNSON.

IN ITS JUNE ISSUE, TYRINGHAM TOPICS EXPECTS TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM.

Tyringham Topics

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JUNE, 1964
SUMMER ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:

THIS ISSUE MARKS A MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS FOR WE ARE PUBLISHING PICTURES FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME IN EVERY ISSUE FROM NOW ON. IN OUR AUTUMN ISSUE OF LAST YEAR WE TOLD YOU OF OUR IDEA OF PUTTING OUT A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GREETING, LISTING ALL THOSE WHO WISHED TO TAKE PART IN THIS GREETING ON THIS SPECIAL PAGE, CHRGING $1.00 FOR A NAME TO BE INCLUDED. WELL, IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND SO MANY RESPONDED, SOME SENDING IN MORE THAN THE DOLLAR THAT TYRINGHAM TOPICS CAN NOW PRINT PICTURES AND, IF THIS YEAR'S GREETING RECEIVES THE SAME SUPPORT WE CAN CONTINUE THE PRACTICE.

OUR EXPERT TYPIST, MISS AGNES CURTIN, IS UNABLE TO TYPE THIS EDITION OF TOPICS BUT WE CAN ALWAYS FALL BACK ON MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, THOUGH SHE IS ONLY A ONE-FINGER -- OR WE SHOULD SAY "ONE CLAW" OPERATOR. SO PLEASE EXCUSE ERRORS FOR IN THIS EMERGENCY, MYRTLE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SEE A MANICURIST (OR A CHIROPODIST, WHICHEVER MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

WE REPORT TWO BIRTHS, WHILE NOT TO TYRINGHAM PARENTS, THEY ARE OF INTEREST AS THEIR PARENTS, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, WERE OF THIS TOWN. ON APRIL 1ST, A DAUGHTER, TRACY ELIZABETH, WAS BORN TO THOMAS MARTIN AND JOAN BRADWAY CLARK OF GREAT BARRINGTON, IN PITTSFIELD AND ON APRIL 2ND, A SON, RONALD CHRISTOPHER,JR WAS BORN TO RONALD AND JOAN HALE SANTONASTASI, IN GLEN COVE, L.I. N.Y. (IT WONT BE VERY LONG NOW BEFORE OTHER MOTHERS WILL BE TRYING TO KEEP UP "WITH THE JOANSES!) (BY THE WAY, FIRE CHIEF AND MRS. WILLIS HALE ARE THE GRANDPARENTS IN THE SECOND CASE AND WILBUR CLARK, SR IS THE GRANDDADDY OF THE FIRST.)

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE OF TOPICS, UNION CHURCH HAS RECEIVED INTO ITS FELLOWSHIP THE FOLLOWING:- ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH, NANCY ROWLEY LORING, RICHARD EARL CERNIK,MARY CHRISTINE HALE, WENDY LOU SOULES AND ON JUNE 7TH, WILLIAM THOMAS BLACK, ELFRIEDA LENZ BLACK, HOWARD ORRIN BLAKE, MARIE PROVOST BLAKE, TIMOTHY LEON STANTON AND LOUISE BLAKE STANTON. BY LETTER FROM THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORWOOD, ALLAN THOMAS GARNER AND MARY COWLES GARNER WERE RECEIVED

THE SYMPATHY OF US ALL IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF FRANCESCA ELIZABETH J. PALMER, 3½ YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF WALTER D. AND ELIZABETH VON GOTTERBERG PALMER OF 24 GRAMMERCY PARK, NEW YORK CITY, TRAGICALLY KILLED ON APRIL 28TH IN NEW YORK. THE FUNERAL SERVICE TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK WITH A MASS OF THE ANGELS IN ST. THOMAS MORE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND BURIAL WAS IN TYRINGHAM CEMETERY. BESIDES HER PARENTS THE LITTLE GIRL, LEFT A BROTHER, ANTHONY; A SISTER, ROSAMOND; AND AN UNCLE, GILDER PALMER OF THIS TOWN; AN AUNT, MRS. HELENA PAPENHEIMER OF CAMBRIDGE. HER PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER IS MRS. WALTER PALMER, ONE OF OUR LONG-TIME SUMMER RESIDENTS.

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL, THANKS TO ITS GREAT TEACHER, MRS. WELCH, AGAIN FURNISHED TYRINGHAM WITH A SPLENDID MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN THE CEMETERY. MUSIC WAS FORNISHED BY THE LEE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AND JUNIOR BANDS. THE CHILDREN, BY SPEAKING AND SINGINF PAID DUE HOMAGE TO THE HEROIC DEAD OF OUR COUNTRY. REPRESENTATIVE WARREN A. TURNER GAVE THE ADDRESS. NO BUGS TURNED OUT TO BITE BUT JACK FROST WAS ON HAND INSTEAD. (WE ARE ALWAYS INSPIRED BY THESE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AND WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE LACK OF PATRIOTISM ON THE PART OF SO MANY OTHER SCHOOLS, WHO IGNORE MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES COMPLETELY!)

NOTE:- THERE WILL BE NO OBSERVANCE OF THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF TYRINGHAM.

THE VERY EXCELLENT HISTORY OF TYRINGHAM AND "BORDERING COMMUNITIES" BY MRS. ELOISE MYERS HAS MET WITH GREAT ACCLAIM AND APPROVAL ON ALL SIDES AND IS ON SALE IN VARIOUS TOWNS AND CITIES AT $4.00 A COPY. THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CHURCH TO HANDLE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF THE HISTORY ANDMAP SETS IS COMPOSED OF MRS. PERCY STANTON, MRS. JOHN CURTIN, MRS, DUANE SLATER, MISS ALICE HALE AND REV. F.L.COUCH. A SET OF MAPS SELL FOR $1.00. (MYRTLE PULLED A "BOO-BOO" IN THE LAST ISSUE AND SAID THEY WERE 50¢) THIS SECOND EDITION IS SELLING WELL AND IF ANYONE DESIRES TO ORDER BY MAIL, PLEASE SEND 15 CTS EXTRA FOR THE BOOK AND 6¢ PER SET OF MAPS. ALTHOUGH THE BOOK IS CALLED "A HINTERLAND SETTLEMENT" PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "THE TYRINGHAM HISTORY FUND."

CHILDRENS DAY HAS JUST BEEN OBSERVED IN OUR CHURCH AND THE CHURCH WAS WELL FILLED FOR THIS IMPORTANT DAY. TRACY ELIZABETH CLARK OF GREAT BARRINGTON, MENTIONED HERETOFORE, WAS BAPTIZED. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PUT ON THE BEST PROGRAM EVER AND PICTURES IN CLOR WERE TAKEN OF THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PROGRAM. JOHN CURTIN ACTED AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES FOR THE SCHOOL PROGRAM. WE WISH WE HAD ROOM TO NAME ALL THE PARTICPANTS WHO DID SO WELL -- EVERYONE OF THEM - BUT THERE IS NOT ROOM ENOUGH. BUT WE WOULD PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF, HEADED BY MRS. NEIL CURTIN AND MRS, WILLIS HALE, ASSISTED BY MRS. WILBUR CLERK, JR; MRS. ROBERT CLARK, MRS. KENNETH JONES, MRS. GORDON VANORMEN, MRS. ALLAN GARNER.

ON APRIL 5, 1964, GERALD EDWIN DRAKE, JR, SON OF GERALD AND DONNA HEATH DRAKE OF LEE WAS BAPTIZED. HE IS THE GRANDSON OF MR & MRS ROY HEATH, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, AND MR & MRS EDWIN DRAKE OF LEE.

MRS. DUANE SLATER, WELL KNOWN TO YOU ALL, RECEIVED A PIN FROM THE NATIONAL GRANGE IN RECOGNITION OF HER 50 YEARS AS A GRANGE MEMBER. SHE WAS A FORMER MASTER OF OTIS GRANGE. SHE ALSO SERVED IN LEE.

ANOTHER CHURCH MEMBER, FREDERICK JUDD OF LEE RECEIVED A 25 YEAR CERTIGICATE.

THE NINTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL OF UNION CHURCH IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD. THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVALS DRAW THE BIGGEST CROWDS SO WE HOPE YOU'LL ALL BE THERE. $1.50 FOR ADULTS, $1,25 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6. BUT IF YOU'RE OVER 100 - BE OUR GUEST! SERVING STARTS AT 5.30.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, WAS MUCH INTERESTED IN CHIEF WILLIS HALE'S BEING APPOINTED "GAS INSPECTOR." SHE VENTURES THE SUGGESTION THAT IF HE FINDS ANY, TO USE ALKA-SELTZER.

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR ROGER LOGAN'S MEDICAL SELF-HELP CLASS HAS JUST GRADUATED THE FOLLOWING:- ALICE HALE, WILLIS HALE, E.JUEL HALE, CONSTANCE AND BEVERLY DYER, MARION GELSCHLEICHTER, BETTY ANN CERNIK, ROGER LOGAN, ANN DAVIS AND KENNETH JONES. MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, PEERING IN THE WINDOW, SAW AT LEAST TWO OF THE LADIES WHO, WHEN THEY TRIED TO GET UP OFF THE FLOOR AFTER SERVING AS PATIENTS, GOT A "CHARLEY HORSE" AND COULDN'T GET UP! (MYRTLE GETS AROUND)

RUTH DESOUSA HAS A HOUND DOG (OR OTHERWISE) THAT DOESN'T LIKE VOLKSWAGENS. SHE SUGGESTED THAT WHEN A DOG CHASES CHICKENS THEY HANG A DEAD CHICKED AROUND HIS NECK SO WHY NOT HANG A SMALL CAR SUCH AS A RENAULT AROUND HER DOG'S NECK. (AG CURTIN PLEASE NOTE!)

SEEMS AS THOUGH OUR MRS. MCINTOSH, RETIRED BARNARD PRESIDENT IS ANYTHING BUT RETIRED! SHE IS ALWAYS BEING APPOINTED TO SOME VERY IMPORTANT COMMITTEE, THE LATEST BEING THE ADVISORY BOARD OF BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

THE ANNUAL FAIR AND RUMMAGE SALE OF THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB WILL BE IN THE TYRINGHAM TOWN HALL ON JULY 15TH. THEY ASK YOU TO SAVE YOUR RUMMAGE. A NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR WILL BE A "NEARLY NEW" DEPARTMENT. (IF YOU CAN'T GET TO THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR, MYRTLE SUGGESTS THE HOP BROOK FAIR.)

TYRINGHAM GALLERIES PLAN FOLK MUSIC CONCERTS IN THE EVENINGS NOW AND THEN THIS SUMMER AS AN ADDED ATTRACTION. SOUNDS VERY FINE!

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS IN BOSTON, TO WHOM FOR PRESERVATION AND CARE, THE LATE MRS. BAYARD JAMES LEFT THE COBBLE, HAVE APPOINTED AS IS THEIR CUSTOM A LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR TYRINGHAM CONSISTING OF DR. RUSTIN MCINTOSH, JAMES FAWCETT, ARNOLD HALE, REV. FRANKLIN COUCH, MRS. FRANCESCA PALMER AND WALTER HOWARD.

"PEGGY" REBER, DAUGHTER OF MAJOR GENERAL AND MRS. MILES REBER OF TYRINGHAM, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 1966 AT MISS HALL'S SCHOOL IN PITTSFIELD, WAS AWARDED THE FRENCH PRIZE AT THE RECENT COMMENCEMENT OF THAT SCHOOL.

IN SPITE OF THE COLD WEATHER AND THE DARK DAYS WE KNOW THAT SPRING HAS COME TO TYRINGHAM BECAUSE MRS. HISCOX HAS ARRIVED!

MR. AND MRS. RONALD LORING HAVE BOUGHT A LOT ON THE CORNER OF ROUTE 8 AND TYRINGHAM ROAD AND ARE MOVING THEIR TRAILER HOME TO THAT SPOT.

WE BID WELCOME TO THE NEW OCCUPANTS OF THE GILMORE HOUSE - MR AND MRS. CHARLES BEAUDIN AND CHARLES JR, CHRIS, CLIFF & KATHLEEN.

WE CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING AND WISH THEM CONTINUING SUCCESS:

FROM LEE HIGH SCHOOL:-
ARTHUR DYER, SON OF MR & MRS WILLIAM DYER
KAREN WINTERS, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS MICHAEL WINTERS

FROM TYRINGHAM SCHOOL:-
DONALD CERNIK, SON OF MR & MRS LARRY CERNIK
LINDA JONES, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS KENNETH JONES
CHARLES SLATER, JR SON OF MR & MRS CHARLES SLATER

MR & MRS. EDWARD CHOQUETTE ARE NOW LIVING AT HUBBY'S TRAILER CAMP IN LEE. EDDIE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SERVING WITH THE ARMY IN GERMANY.

SSGT.CHARLES DOUGLAS MCCARTHY, SON OF MR & MRS. CHARLES MCCARTHY, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, GRANDSON OF MRS. PERCY STANTON AND MRS. MARIE MOORE, HAS RECENTLY BEEN HONORED BY THE AIR FORCE BY BEING NOMINATED AS "OUTSTANDING AIRMAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AFA CONVENTION. THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION PRAISES HIM HIGHLY AS "A DEDICATED CAREER AIRMAN, WHO HAS STRONG CONVICTIONS ABOUT AIR POWER AND THE AIR FORCE. HE IS AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMER WITH TREMENDOUS DRIVE AND POTENTIAL." WHILE IN ENGLAND HE MARRIED SHIRLEY COTTS OF MUNDESLEY, NORFOLK, ENGLAND AND THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS. (HIS PICTURE IS SHOWN ON THE NEXT PAGE.)

JOHN CANON, SON OF MR & MRS NORT CANON IS "ENJOYING" 6 MONTHS INTENSIVE TRAINING IN AN ARMY SPECIALIZED COURSE AT FORT DIX.

MR & MRS WILBUR CLARK,JR. RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SENATOR KENNEDY, SAYING THAT ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO GERMANY HE MET A GROUP OF MASSACHUSETTS SOLDIERS AND SHOOK HANDS WITH THEIR SON, SGT. GERALD CLARK. (CONGRATULATIONS, GERRY, ON YOUR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT)

PVT. DENNIS CURTIN, U.S. MARINES, GRADUATED FROM HIS BASIC TRAINING SCHOOL LAST WEEK. HIS MOTHER, MRS. JOHN CURTIN, SISTER MRS. NORMAN SOULES, BROTHER, TOMMY ALL WENT DOWN TO SEE HIM.

SP/4 BRUCE LOGAN, UP FROM FORT DIX, VISITED HIS FAMILY, MR & MRS ROGER LOGAN, RECENTLY.

PVT RUSSELL LORING, NEWLY LANDED IN GERMANY IS IN THE SIGNAL CORPS. HE WRITES THAT IT IS VERY BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY OVER THERE BUT NO PLACE LIKE TYRINGHAM!

SHAUN SMITH, HAVING FINISHED BASIC SEAMANSHIP AT GREAT LAKES TRAINING STATION IS NOW IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

PFC KENNETH WINTERS IS EXPECTED HOME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE IS, OR HAS BEEN IN KOREA. HE EXPECTS TO BE DISCHARGED SHORTLY.

JON KRASZESKI, SON OF MR & MRS LUCYAN KRASZESKI, A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, IS ON THE DEAN'S LIST. JON IS NOW A SOPHOMORE.

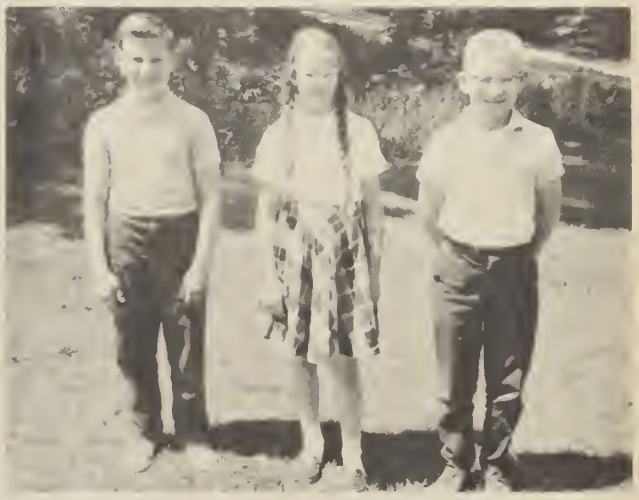
WE WOULD CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION TWO VERY DELICIOUS CHICKEN BARBECUES, SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST. THE FIRST COMING ALONG IS THAT OF OUR UNION CHURCH -- DATE NOT FINALIZED YET BUT PROBABLY THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST. THE SECOND, AFTER GIVING YOU TIME TO GET BACK YOUR APPETITE FROM EATING SO MUCH AT THE FIRST, IS THE BARBECUE OF TYRINGHAM'S FIREMEN, SCHEDULED DEFINITELY FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 30TH. SEE YOU AT BOTH WE HOPE!

SO LONG, FOLKS,

F.L.C.

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL ON PARADE FOR MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM IN CEMETERY

CLASS OF 1964 LEE HIGH SCHOOL . FROM TYRINGHAM -KAREN WINTERS AND ARTHUR DYER



CLASS OF 1964 GRADUATES FROM TYRINGHAM SCHOOL - DONALD CERNIK LINDA JONES, CHARLES SLATER.

THE TYRINGHAM COLONELS - FRONT ROW-J.CURTIN, T.CONSOLATI, THURRE ED FENNELLY, D. WHALEN. BACK:- JOHN CURTIN, DUNNE, FORD, STANTON, EV FENNELLY, CLARK, P.CURTIN

S/SGT DOUG MCCARTHY
(SEE PAGE 4)

Tyringham Topics

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AUTUMN ISSUE

Dear Folks:

'Twas a fine Summer so long as it lasted but how quick it went by. Can it be that is was jet-propelled in keeping with speed of the times? But it is good to glimpse the faces of our Summer residents even though it is for a small proportion of the year.

Quite appropriately, the first Tyringham Robin arrived on June 29th in the Springtime, when a daughter Robin Eileen Clark was born to Robert and Patricia Carty Clark. On June 21st, by the way, young Timothy Leon Stanton, Jr. of South Lee was baptized.

On July 25th, Barclay Hudson of Tyringham was married to Kerstin Margareta Olsson of Sollentuna, Sweden. Barclay Hudson, Sr. was present with Mrs. Susan Hudson, Barclay's step-mother and his sister, Sarah P. Hudson. Barclay Jr. and Sarah and their mother were among the first four to be welcomed into the membership of this Church by the present minister. That was in 1952.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS OCTOBER 4th at 11:00 A.M.
And also October 4th, is World Wide Communion Sunday. At this service we will be happy to receive new members into our fellowship.

The Pastor's sermons which are sent out now and then DO NOT GO to any select list. They go to all members or associate members or interested individuals. Mrs. Stanton is the Librarian who mails them out. And she does not mail them to insinuate that any particular person's shoes are pinching.

We are all most grateful to Mr. Harold Stedman for the gift of ten white plastic table-cloths.

Might we suggest that Mrs. Myers' authoritative history of Tyringham, "A Hinterland Settlement" with maps included, would make a very fine Christmas gift for some one. The books, including 4 maps of old Tyringham and Indian Trails, are $4.00 each plus 15¢ mailing cost. You may send your order and check to Tyringham History Fund and the books will be forwarded promptly.

We are having a Good Will Offering Chicken and Biscuit Supper this coming Tuesday, September 22nd. Serving starts at 5:30. And our annual HARVEST SUPPER is coming in October, date to be announced later.

Well, school and colleges are opening and so we see Jon Kraszeski starting his Sophomore year at the University of Massachusetts. He was on the Dean's List last June. And this Summer he received word that he won two scholarships. And Arthur Dyer has left to study at Wentworth Institute in Boston. Peggy Reber is back at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield. She finished last year with High Honors. Richard de Sousa is starting his first year at Cranwell School in Lenox.

And -- let it be known -- our own Tyringham's School has five new pupils -- all girls -- the Misses Sharon Adams, Lisa deSousa, June Stedman, Nancy Garner and Deborah Loring. Donald Cernik, Linda Jones and Charles Slater are now going to school in Lee. They graduated from Tyringham School last June.

Myrtle, the Turtle, was terrifically excited when the moon pictures came out. "Look, look," she screamed. "See that little spot there on the side of a crater. It's a Volkswagen!" Well, it could be. They seem to get around everywhere!

Thanks to the efficiency of Tyringham's Civil Defense Director Roger Logan, the town is to have three new sirens, purchased under Civil Defense Matching Funds Program. The Federal Government pays half the cost, Tyringham, half. To qualify the town for Matching unds, the C. D. Director had to work up an Operations Plan and submit a Program Paper for the Fiscal year.

OPEN HOUSE WITH THE DAY FAMILY AT LENOX, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th FROM 2 to 5 PM. All Tyringham folks of all ages are invited to the home of our former Tyringham folks, the Norman Days, on above date. Their home is in Lenox on Route 7 and they want all their Tyringham friends and neighbors to see their new home in its beautiful surroundings. You can reach it by going over Plunkett Road north of Lee and turning right on Route 7. Watch for the sign at the entrance.

Ruth deSousa is the new correspondent for Tyringham to our BERKSHIRE EAGLE and is certainly digging up the news.

We welcome to Tyringham, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Schnell and two daughters who are living in the former home of Dr. and Mrs. Depping. Mr. Schnell is an importer of fruit and produce and Mrs. Schnell is a designer of clothing knit-wear.

A lot of people have been "horsing" around lately. There was a time when now and then we'd see the Gilly Palmers riding horseback along the roads. Being allergic to horses, we would close all the VW's windows, hang onto our nose, and speed by. Now we have a problem. Tyringham is getting horse-conscious! Allen and Mary Garner, Janice Stedman, Dick, Susan and Stephen Cabral, Alice and Christine Hale, Bob and Pat Clark, Duffy and Chucky Clark, Janice Whalen and Darleen Curtin and possibly others -- all have taken up equitation. So we keep our VW windows closed and a clothespin on our nasel apparatus and proceed merrily on our rounds!

Dr. Rustin McIntosh was elected as Chairman of the Local Committee for the Tyringham Cobble, appointed by the Trustees of Reservations in Boston. The Committee met recently, organized and discussed plans regarding the care of the Cobble. The other members of the Committee besides Dr. McIntosh are Arnold Hale, Mrs. Francesca Palmer, Walter Howard, James Fawcett and Rev. Franklin L. Couch.

Dr. Gulielma Alsop visited in Tyringham last week and is sponsoring an Audubon Society lecture to be conducted in November. It will be open to the Public and, following the lecture, there will be several prizes for the best essays written by the children of the Tyringham School. The project is left in the hands of the minister and Mrs. Welch, the Tyringham teacher. Details will be announced later.

Tyringham Galleries received several very splendid press notices this past season and Tyringham much publicity. There always seemed to be a group of cars around the galleries and all sorts of people taking pictures of the quaint structure. We hope they had a very successful season.

The town committee appointed to look into possible locations for a swimming pool for the children particularly, held a public meeting last month with the Chairman, Mrs. Larry Cernik, presiding. Neighboring towns having natural lakes or ponds have now restricted them to their own residents, thus leaving Tyringham without any facilities close-by. Hop Brook is the only water in town and is barred due to sewage being dumped along its course. However, the subject is being studied and a solution may yet be found. The private ponds in town are unavailable.

We have been asked by several to suggest that steps be taken to urge the painting of solid white lines in the center of Tyringham Road on the hill in front of the Church and Parsonage and also on the curve in front of the residence of Charles Slater. Such lines could well save lives in view of the demoniacal speeding in vogue today.

Under the direction of the town's Red Cross Chairman, Mrs. John Curtin, swimming classes were conducted last summer by Miss June Belko, Red Cross Instructor, at Laurel Lake in Lee. The following certificates were awarded: Beginners, David Garner; Advanced Beginners, Kathy Soules, Susan Slater, Dawn Cernik, David Hale, Douglas deSousa; Intermediate, Wendy Soules; Swimmer, Darleen Curtin.

Alan Kraszeski received three letters last year for being manager of football, basketball and baseball---and he's now only a Junior. Nice work! And John Curtin, we are told, pitched and batted the East Lee Indians to a victory over some Old Timers. The Tyringham Colonels came through the season pretty well and next year they may well lead the League.

Mrs. Sidney VanOrman and two children, Holly and Scott, have joined Sid at Edwards Air Force Base in California.....PFC Denny Curtin, in the Marines, is headed for duty in Spain.....Gerald Clark, a Sp/5 with the Army is over in Germany.....Sp/5 Bruce Logan is in

the Army, whereabouts unknown as his parents have no definite information.....Shaun Smith, Navy, is in Florida.....PFC Russell Loring is in Germany and expects to visit Holland soon.

By the time you receive this issue, John Canon, will be back in civvies from a six-month tour of duty with the Army at Fort Dix.

At a very recent Town Meeting, the establishment of a Conservation Commission and a conservation fund was unanimously approved. This is apparently a real step towards the solution of the swimming problem as well as recreation in general. It was also voted to hire an engineering firm to survey the possibilities for swimming and recreation.

OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE

Last year, you remember, we ran a Christmas Greeting page, and it was tremendously successful. A Greeting was at the top, followed by the names of families or individuals who wished to extend greetings of the season to all their friends who read TYRINGHAM TOPICS and there are roughly 600 or 700 individuals of all ages and in foreign lands as well as here in America.

We are publishing such a page in our December issue. And all of you who either as a family or an individual, wish to have your names on this greeting page, may do so by sending us $1.00 for each name or each family. Your greeting will be just as sincere as those contained on any Christmas card and will save many the cost of cards and postage and the labor of writing.

The page will be in color. We cannot print more than just your names.

Any surplus left over from the costs of printing this Christmas Greeting page will go to lighten the burden borne by Union Church in sending you TYRINGHAM TOPICS every three months free of charge and it will also enable us to include one page of pictures in each issue as we have started doing.

Already we have received names for this page so better send yours in NOW before you forget it. ALL NAMES MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 15th.

THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

NE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY -- Dick Cernik with an 18-inch trout

CAMERA CLUB COOKOUT in Dalton. Jennifer Cannon, Darleen Curtin, Wendy Soules, Linda Jones, Kathy Soules. Rear -- Johnny Bill Gaisford and Ken Jones

CORNY PICTURE -- Susan Slater, Mrs. John Gaisford, Kenneth Jones, Dawn Cernik, Johnny Bill Gaisford -- Getting ears ready for our barbecue

TWO YANKEES -- In Florida, 1964

Christmas 1964

Season's Greetings

May stars shine whiter
Candles burn brighter
And troubles seem lighter at Christmas

May friendships grow dearer
Life's meaning be clearer
And Heaven come nearer at Christmas!

This is our prayer for all of you from all of us listed below. And may God bless your Christmas Fireside and may His word enrich your lives the year 'round.

Mr. & Mrs. Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma Alsop
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett & Daughter
Mr. & Mrs. William Black
Butlers & Pierce
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cabral & Family
Miss Carolyn Canon
Mrs. Dorothy Canon
Mr. & Mrs. J. Northrup Canon & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Henning Carlson & Henning C.
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cernik & Family
Rev. ("Cap") & Mrs. Franklin L. Couch
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr. & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Curtin & Family
Mr. & Mrs. J. Neil Curtin & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Curtin & Sons
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Davis & Sons
Mr. & Mrs. George deSousa & Family
Mr. & Mrs. R. E. DuVernois
Mr. & Mrs. William Dyer & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Eddy & Family
Mr. & Mrs. G. James Fawcett & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fennelly
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Fennelly & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Gaisford & John
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Garner & Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Gelsleichter
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hale & Family
George, Jean & David Hale
Arnold Hayne
Mr. & Mrs. Ashwell Heath
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Heath
Mrs. Louise Hiscox
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jones & Family
Ken & Grace Knickerbocker
The Kraszeski Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Leipzig
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lloyd & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Logan & Bruce
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring, Jr. & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring, Sr. & Family
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loring
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loring
Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarthy
T/Sgt. & Mrs. Charles D. McCarthy, Susan & Debbie
Mr. Ward McCarthy
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
Chris, Anne & Jonathan Moffett
Mrs. Marie Moore
Francesca Gilder Palmer & Rosamond Gilder
Mr. & Mrs. Gilder Palmer & Family
Ned, Petey, Louie, Neddy, Jamie, David & Kate Perkins
Mr. & Mrs. George Pickens
Mrs. Mary Pike
General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Mr. Samuel Reber
Mr. & Mrs. John S. Rudd
Dick & Mary Gene Rubin
Mrs. B. Sanders & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Schots
Miss Gladys Sheldon & her sister, Mrs. Mary Sheldon Jarrett
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Slater & Family
Mrs. Grace Slater
Gene & Mary Smith & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Spoerl
Mrs. Isabelle Stanton
Mrs. Walter Stedman & June
Sunset Farm Folks
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Twing
Mrs. Mae VanDensen
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon VanOrman & Family
Mrs. Emily Welch
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Winters & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Worden

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WINTER ISSUE

Dear Folks:

Last year we had our first real snow and wintry blasts, along wit slippery roads on December 1st---this year Winter really arrived on December 3rd. "Looks like a white Christmas," says Myrtle, the Turtle knowingly.

"What's new?" you ask. Well many things have happened since our September issue, some good, some sad.

To begin with, Tyringham has a new resident. A son, Matthew Allan Curtin, arrived on October 17th, to join the family of Peter and Deanna Williamson Curtin, their third son.

And we have another summer resident, too. Chris and Anne Dort Moffett announce the adoption of a son, Jonathan. The young man is now the grandson of Mrs. Robert Dort of Boston. (Welcome to Tyringham valley, Jonathan---next summer.)

Over in Pine Plains, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Butler welcomed a daughter, Theresa Gay, born November 6th in Poughkeepsie. Mrs. Butler was the former Dianne Birkett of Tyringham.

James E. Loring, son of Charles and Beatrice Loring, formerly of Tyringham, now of Otis, was married in Union Church Parsonage on September 19, 1964. The new Mrs. Loring was Nellie Wright Yeager, formerl of Deming, N. M.

Pvt. Dennis Stanton Curtin, U. S. Marine Corps married Suzanna Beakes of Pittsfield, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Antonangeli in Union Church on October 3rd. Within 48 hours after the ceremony, Pvt. Curti was on his way to Spain, where along with some thousands of other Marines, Army and Air Force men they took part in a simulated invasion on the beaches of Southern Spain. The mammoth operation was called "Stee Pike."

A former resident of Tyringham, Arthur Gilmore, 80, of Great Barrington died in Fairview Hospital on November 30th after a long illnes He lived the greater part of his life in Tyringham and was caretaker

of the Roland Swart estate. He leaves his wife, the former Elizabeth Harrington; a son, Robert of Hartsville; three daughters, Mrs. Archie Lamb of Southington, Conn., Mrs. Frank Ketchen of Great Barrington and Mrs. Robert Hardisty of Monterey; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Union Church, where the funeral was held Wednesday, December 2nd with burial in the Tyringham Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs. Sidney Howard, 65, widow of the Pulitzer Prize playwright and daughter of the late Walter Damrosch, famed as the Director of the New York Symphony Orchestra, died December 1st in New York Hospital. She was injured in a fall in her home on June 28th, went into a coma and never regained consciousness. Mrs. Howard's maternal grandfather was James G. Blaine, Secretary of State in 1881 under President Garfield and from 1889 to 1892 under President Harrison. Mrs. Howard leaves three daughters, Mrs. Samuel Goldwyn, Jr. of Beverly Hills, Cal., and Mrs. Brian Urquhart and Miss Margaret Damrosch Howard, both of New York City and one son, Walter Damrosch Howard of New York; six grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Herman Kiaer and Mrs. Robert Littell, both of New York and Mrs. Thomas Finletter, wife of the U. S. Ambassador to NATO in Paris. Mrs. Howard herself had a very distinguished musical background and was associated with various noteworthy organizations and institutions related to music and the arts. A funeral service was held in New York the 3rd and another the following day in Union Church in Tyringham with burial in the cemetery on the hill where her husband is buried. Thus her many friends in New York had the opportunity to pay her homage and likewise those in Tyringham to whom she had endeared herself over the years. She was intensely interested in our town and its people. She gave of herself most generously. We shall all miss her greatly, a dear and beloved friend to all.

On September 25th we were fortunate to have with us the Reverend Masaichi Hon-ami and his wife of the Mito United Church of Christ in Japan. He talked to a group of men and women interested in missions and showed beautiful slides of Japan. But the Tyringham minister executed a miracle in a way. He made two Irishmen out of two Japanese when he introduced the Hon-amis as "Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney!" (During the question period, Myrtle, the Turtle, asked them if Japanese beatles were as bad as the English ones which recently visited America!)

On Hallowe'en, 26 youngsters, headed by the Cub Scouts in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Stetson Adams went forth on the highways for "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" and came back with $37.07 which was forwarded to UNICEF's U. S. Committee of the United Nations.

The Sunday School in particular, the Church in general are very grateful to Arnold Hale, Kenneth Jones, Fred Judd and Roger Logan for rejuvenating a room in the Parsonage for the very young group of our Sunday School. Thanks, too, to Mr. and Mrs. William Dyer for papering the room.

Mrs. Edward Fennelly, the former Dianne Heiderling of Otis, graduated on December 2nd from the Pittsfield Vocational School of Practical Nursing.

The Hop Brook Christmas Fair held in the Community Center on the afternoon of November 21st netted the Club over $157.00

The Tyringham School will close December 24th and will reopen on January 3rd 1965. February 22nd to 28th is the winter vacation; April 16th to 26th for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Day, formerly of Tyringham, held Open House for all Tyringham friends at their new home in Lenox on Sunday afternoon, October 11th. (See picture of some of the guests on picture page.)

The Church Committee at its November meeting voted to go ahead with plans to construct a new ceiling over the Sanctuary. The old one is made of embossed tin painted white and is getting holey (not holy). The new ceiling will be constructed of white acoustical "tiles" and will be just below the molding of the present ceiling. It is planned to lower the present ceiling lights for use in the new. Above the new ceiling insulation will be placed that will cut down considerably on the heating expense. When the new ceiling is in place, there will be a call for volunteers to paint the walls, woodwork and pews after removing old cracked paint where necessary. Mr. Henning Carlson has offered to supervise the volunteers.

As funds have to be raised to meet the costs of this very necessar work of a new ceiling and renovation of the Sanctuary and vestibule, Chairman Arnold Hale of the Church Committee has appointed a refurbishing committee consisting of William Dyer, Grace Slater and Stetson Adams.

Dr. Gulielma Alsop, long interested in Tyringham and particularly its young people, recently sponsored a lecture by Mr. Alvah Sanborn of the Pleasant Valley Sanctuary in Lenox. He showed a beautiful movie film of wild life. This was for anyone who cared to attend but particularly for the children of Tyringham School and their parents. Dr. Alsop offered prizes for the best compositions written by the children of grades 4 & 5 in the school, the compositions to be based on the Sanborn lecture or on what they could get from nature books in the Tyringham Library. Under the supervision of Mrs. Welch, their teacher, the children wrote their compositions. Numbers, but not names, were placed to identify them and four Dalton teachers and educators, judged the papers. Then Dr. Alsop provided a bountiful Turkey Supper in the Community Center for the school children and their families and a number of guests who were her former next door neighbors.

At this supper, attended by 70, the prizes were awarded as follows 1st prize ($10.) David Hale; 2nd prize ($8.) Dawn Cernik; 3rd prize ($6.) Stephen Cabral; 4th prize ($4.) Peter Adams. Four other prizes of $1. each went to Susan Slater, David Curtin, Jenifer Canon and Paul Adams. All present signed a paper saying "Thank You Dr. Alsop" which was forwarded to her in New York. Dr. Alsop was lauded for her interest and generosity and Mrs. Welch for the splendid training the children are getting, as the judges were much impressed with the excellence of all the compositions.

We note in passing that two new basketball backstops have been installed on the playground. These were procured and erected due to the initiative of Larry Cernik, Peter Curtin and Everett Fennelly. The baseball backstop has been moved over into the corner of the field in front of Charlie Johnson's and the diamond itself is being rebuilt.

We are extremely sorry to bid farewell to the Norman Soules family a family that any town should be glad to welcome. They have moved to Housatonic.

Thanks to a most capable Civil Defense Director, Roger Logan, who took advantage of the Government's Surplus Property Program, Tyringham now has three generators which could be put into operation in case of power failure, supplying the Town Hall, Church or Library. Recently this enterprising Director with his Deputy Director George Hale, procured for the Fire Department a tank truck. (We are of the opinion -- and we ought to know -- that no town of its size is so well equipped for emergencies as Tyringham!)

While the writer of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, who is also the local parson, is well acquainted with many problems that others have, he now has one all his own. It seems that it is coming to pass that the house and farm recently vacated by the Norman Soules family has been purchased by a gentleman who plans to raise horses. Secondly, it seems, also, that Mr. and Mrs. Schnell who have purchased the former Depping home at the other end of town, plan to raise ponies! Thirdly, there are already several horses in town that weren't here a year or so ago. But the problem is this: we are very allergic to horses and cats! We can't get near any of them without beginning to sneeze, wheeze and weep We think the cats know this because they head for our lap whenever we enter a house that has such an animal. Fortunately -- at least up to now -- no horse has tried to get up into our lap! If one ever did the fall-out would be a hundred times worse than a cat's. But we would warn you all -- if one of these days you notice a blue Volkswagen dashing through town at 100 mph with the driver wearing a gasmask, don't think it is anyone from Mars or off a flying saucer -- it's only ye editor and parson, with his World War I gasmask on, fleeing from a herd of horses or a Troop of the recently organized Tyringham Cavalry.

In closing we wish for you all who read this TYRINGHAM TOPICS, and all your dogs, sheep, cows, etc -- yes, even your horses and cats, A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

SOME OF THE TYRINGHAM FOLKS WHO AT-
ED THE NORMAN DAYS "OPEN HOUSE" ON
SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 11TH HELD
AT THEIR NEW AND SPACIOUS HOME IN
LENOX.

JON KRASZESKI,
HE PLAYED IN THE
TANGERINE BOWL IN
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 12TH,
(WITH THE UNIVER-
SITY OF MASSACHU-
SETTS MARCHING
BAND)

THE DR. ALSOP NATURE PRIZE WIN-
NERS (SEE PAGE 3):- FRONT ROW:
DAVID HALE, DAWN CERNIK, STEPHEN
CABRAL, PETER ADAMS. SECOND ROW-
PAUL ADAMS, DAVID CURTIN, SUSAN
SLATER AND JENIFER CANON.

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SPRING ISSUE

Dear Folks:

We begin with an apology --- This is the March issue but we were so pressed for time after vacation that we just couldn't get our letter to you on schedule. (Myrtle is sorry, too, but she was suffering from early Spring fever.)

Taking events in chronological order as usual and as much as we can since the preceding issue, we'll start with Christmas. In spite of bad weather, we had good attendance on Christmas Sunday, both at the morning service and the Candlelight Service in the evening. The decorations were the most beautiful ever, thanks to our Decorating Committee of Roger Logan, Alice Hale and Holly (How appropriate!) Darey and the contribution of wreaths by Mrs. Edward T. Herndon. The Holloway Music Tower sent forth Christmas Carols over the town. Our Christmas Greeting page listed 98 names compared to 57 in 1963, a gain of 41, which will enable us to give you more pictures than ever this year. The list of greetings was assembled by Mrs. Percy Stanton, Mrs. John Curtin and Mrs. Larry Cernik. The usual splendid Christmas Entertainment and Tree under the leadership of Mrs. Emily Welch seemed better than ever. (see picture page)

The Annual Meeting of Union Church was held January 13th with the following elected to office:-Moderator, Arnold Hale; Deacon, Kenneth Jones; Deaconess, Davena Curtin; Clerk, Holly Darey; Treasurer, Janice Stedman; Auditor, Everett Fennelly; Trustee, Elizabeth Slater; Member-at-Large of Church Comm., John Canon; Finance Comm. Allan Garner; Endowment Comm., George Hale; SS. Supt. Helen Curtin; Alternates, Beatrice Loring, Constance Dyer. It was voted that this year's EVERY MEMBER CANVASS would be held in August, Deemed a much better month than late Fall. Hop Brook Club had its Annual Meeting and elected: - President, Ruth DuVernois; Vice-President, Elfrieda Black; Secretary, Ruth Couch; Treasurer, Grace Slater.

You must have noticed, if you have come to Church, how dismal and dingy the sanctuary was becoming. The white paint was cracked, long crack ran down the plaster walls, the yellow paint of which looked faded in spots, soiled in others. The ceiling was chipped and rusted through in spots; the mahogany trim was of different shades - All in all, it badly needed redecorating. It was voted that a new ceiling, a modern suspended type, be constructed by specialist three feet or so below the old ceiling. This would cost $1800. But it had to be done --- and it was done. (Hop Brook Club started the campaign to raise funds for this project by generously donating $300. They plan to raise more funds for it by Food Sales this Summer. In the meantime any contributions towards this fund would be most welcome and should be sent to Mrs. Walter Stedman, Treasurer. A committee consisting of William Dyer,

Stetson Adams and Grace Slater plan to put on an Auction in the Late Spring or early Summer to help reduce this debt still further.

But that isn't all -- during our absence on vacation, twelve men (3 of them non-members!) volunteered to redecorate the Sanctuary and the vestibule. A very generous contribution from Lady Salter took care of the paint. So now we have a most beautiful Sanctuary which has attracted attention from surrounding towns. The walls are a grayish "Off-color" white; the woodwork is white, the trim is mahogany. The dossal and flags were dry-cleaned -- everything is just beautiful and sparkling. The deep gratitude of us all, I am sure go to the following men, who by this great service showed their love for God. In His Name we thank the following, who gave between 500 and 600 man-hours to beautify Union Church in Tyringham:-

Henning Carlson, Sr (who supervised it all), Arnold Hale, Willis Hale, George Hale, Roger Logan, Kenneth Jones, Henning Carlson, Jr., William Dyer, Stetson Adams, Donald Hale, Francis Darey, and to Fred Judd, who constantly helped in various ways all the 4 weeks. We thank, too, Janice Stedman, Mary Garner, and Barbara Adams, for cleaning the Church and getting it in order after the work of redecoration. We plan to hold a Rededication Service of our Sanctuary in the Late Spring, after our Summer friends and residents have arrived and can share it with us.

We are happy to inform you, if you don't already know it, that a daughter, Molly Ann Curtin, was born Sunday, December 27th to John Neil and Helen Curtin and a son arrived on March 26th for Charles and Dierdre Loring of Otis. (Name not known as we write)

On January 17th we baptized Robin Eileen Clark, daughter of Robert and Patricia Carty Clark.

On February 13th, in the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield, Beverly Ann Dyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dyer of Tyringham was married to James Edward Elsensohn of Pittsfield, son of James Elsensohn of Washington. Arthur Dyer, brother of the bride, was one of the ushers. Mr. Elsensohn is a laboratory technician at the Jones Division of Beloit Corporation in Dalton. The bride is employed by Berkshire Life. The couple will live at 17½ Jubilee Terrace, Pittsfield.

The marriage of Doctor Kenneth McIntosh, son of Dr. and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh of Tyringham to Margaret Vance Means, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Winthrop Means of Locust, N.J. and South Tamworth. N.H. took place on Sunday. March 28th. in the Appleton Chapel of Harvard University. John Richard McIntosh brother and Robert Andrew Lloyd, brother-in-law of the groom were ushers. After a trip to Switzerland the couple will live in Cambriage until July when Dr. McIntosh, now a senior resident in medicine at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, will begin two years of research with the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. The groom graduated from Harvard College in 1958 and from Harvard Medical School in 1962. The bride, a graduate of Radcliffe College, attended the University of London, is now completing work for a doctorate in English at Harvard University. Both she and her husband have long been will known in Tyringham. Other members of this well-known family who took part in the wedding by furnishing music for oboe and string quartet, were Mrs. Susan Lloyd, the groom's sister and his brothers, Rustin Carey McIntosh and James Henry McIntosh along with another Tyringhamite, Mrs. John Pappenheimer, Jr. Many from Tyringham will recall that the bridegroom was organist for one whole Summer in the early 1950's for Union Church and that he has played for us numerous times since then.

The Church Committee respectfully requests that every member of Union Church, send to Mrs. Janice Stedman, our Treasuer, the amount of $1.00 to cover the amount

the Church has to pay each year for each member to the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference in Boston. Your careful consideration of this request will be gratefully acknowledged.

Sunday, April 11th is PALM SUNDAY.

Friday Evening April 16th, we will observe as GOOD FRIDAY. At this service we will share together the Lord's Supper and will receive into our membership those who desire to join our fellowship either by letter of transfer or by Confession of Faith.

Sunday, April 18th is EASTER SUNDAY. We hope that our Church will be well-filled for this great Day. As is our custom, we shall beautify our Sanctuary with flowers placed there for the service by those who wish to remember loved ones in this way. If you so plan. please notify the Flower Committee -- Roger Logan, Chairman, Carolyn Canon, Alice Hale and Holly Darey.

Myrtle, the Turtle, alarmed by the sudden increase of the horse population of Tyringham from only 3 or 4 to 30 plus remarked that, unlike the world we live in, Tyringham is certainly getting "Stable-ized."

We are happy to give to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Blache (Steve & Donna) a belated welcome to Tyringham. Steve is a Speech Therapist at Mount Everett Regional High School and Donna is a Social Science worker in the Great Barrington office.

Charles F. Johnson was one of five advisors for a special course open to School Committeemen and School Superintendents at the University of Massachusetts.

As a result of town elections, the Board of Selectmen is made up of Henning Carlson, Chm. (3 yrs.); Everett S, Fennelly, (2 yrs) and Robert Clark (1 year). Town Clerk, Miss Alice Hake (1 yr); Raymond E. Smith, Assessor (3yrs) John Canon as Cemetery Trustee (3 Yrs); Moderator, Charles Slater (1 yr) Treasurer, George DeSousa (1 yr); Auditor, William Gelschleichter (1 yr); Park Commissioner, Everett S. Fennelly (3 yrs.) Library Trustee, Mrs. Ruth DeSousa, (3 yrs.); School Committee, Mrs. Richard Birkett (3 yrs.)

Tyringham's new Valley Club of younger women of which Mrs. George Hale, as Secretary-Treasurer is the only officer will meet Thursday, Evening with Mrs. Larry Cernik.

Gerald J. Fawcett, English teacher at the Lenox School for boys, a member of the Medical Service Corps, U.S. Army has been commissioned a 2nd. Lieutenant in the Organized Reserves.

Good News - Charles Johnson announces that the tax rate is down $3.00 from 1964.

Not much news about our men in the service. Bruce Logan of the Army is at Fort Dix, Gerald Clark and Russell Loring are with the Army in Germany; Denny Curtin, recently promoted to PFC in the Marine Corps and Shaun Smith in the Navy are both at sea. SGT. Sid VanOrman is in California with the Air Force (and his family)

Transfer of Property - James H. and Ruth McDowell to Girard L. and Mary E. Spencer in Tyringham. (Details next issue.)

Our Fire Department, Always ready for any emergency, last month rescued a Great Barrington mother and four children from a ledge on the icy eastern slope of the Cobble. Miss Agnes Curtin heard their cries for help as she came from work at 5:15 and gave the alarm. 18 members of the Tyringham Fire Department scaled the icy heights of the Cobble and rescued the mother and children. (Myrtle, the Turtle, is so proud of the feat that she wants the Firemen to try their climbing skill on

Mt. Everest over in Nepal-Tibet.)

Speaking of the Fire Department, we were most fortunate that it has never been called to save our Church. When the men were doing the redecorating, they found in the wall where two fixtures had been, bare wires which easily could have set the Church on fire. The same case was in the Parsonage where the electrician head failed to tape the ends of the discarded wiring in removing a light there!

Peter Curtin has been elected President of the South Berkshire Soft Ball League.

We call your attention to the April issue of YANKEE MAGAZINE, which contains an article and pictures about Tyringham and Monterey and how Monterey became an off-shoot of Tyringham, which it orignially was a part. The story is called "The Hop Brookers and the Konkapoters." It starts off by saying that history books insist that the Mexican War was the only one Americans fought in 1846. "That's not quite true" the story goes on to say. "Up in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts, a decades-old struggle was coming to a climax, setting neighbor against neighbor and even deacon against deacon. The battleground was a township called Tyringham, whose thousand citizens or so, were scattered across the choppy hills just east and northeast of Great Barrington."

I need not tell you the whole story but I know all of you will be interested in reading it. Part of it was gleaned from Mrs. Myers "A Hinterland Settlement" and ye editor of this Newsletter, talked with Mr. Willard the photographer, who told us it would be in the April issue of YANKEE. We helped him find the tombstones with the cross-eyed angels; showed him our Church, inside and out, and answered his various questions as best we could and with the aid of Mrs. Myers' book. The pictures he took of Tyringham were a view looking down the road from the Church, showing the Cernik house by the side of the road and the Town Hall in the distance, the front of Union Church and a view along Hop Brook, showing the chimney, sole survivor, of the old paper mill which had "The loudest whistle in the world." Better read the whole story and may we add, we still have copies of Mrs. Myers book--yours for $4.00 a copy plus 15¢ for mailing. (Maps included)

Yours for Tyringham,

F.L.C.

NOPE - THIS PICTURE IS NOT FAKED. IT IS A 3-LEGGED CALF ON THE CHARLES SLATER FARM. YOU DON'T SEE A "TRI-PED" VERY OFTEN!

FOUR SCENES FROM
TYRINGHAM SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

SEE ANYBODY YOU KNOW?

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SUMMER ISSUE

Dear Folks:

When we start to write TYRINGHAM TOPICS, it always seems as though we did not have much to write about. Then we look in our file and start making a list of happenings, etc. and we end up wondering how we can get all of them in! (This is being written on a Sunday afternoon on a wintry day in Summer such as often happens in the Berkshires!)

As we were about to leave after the service this morning, Dr. Treat appeared with a lady from Austria who was anxious to see the newly decorated interior of our Church. As we entered the Sanctuary, she paused and exclaimed, "Ach, wunderbar!" (This is German for "Oh, wonderful!") I wish those dedicated men who had worked on it this past winter could have heard her.

Fortunately our Austrian visitor did not scrutinize the exterior too closely but the Ceiling campaign is progressing well and we hope sincerely that we may have a bit over to care for the exterior and, with the help of volunteers, do what needs to be done in the way of outside maintenance. At this point we would remind you that another project of the Ceiling Committee, is an AUCTION, scheduled for Saturday, July 17th. Already quite a stock of furniture and all sorts of other items have been accumulated.

Myrtle, the Turtle, has not been too shook up the last two months by the flutter of stork wings but there have been four arrivals via stork to present or former Tyringhamites. On April 17th, Adam Edward Franklin Fennelly came to call on Eddie and Diane Keiderling Fennelly and decided to stay. Then on May 16th Dennis Stanton Curtin, Jr. came to live with Denny and Suzanne Beakes Curtin, but the proud father is away in the Marines somewhere in Europe. Laura Jean Mange arrived May 31st to the Alfred Manges of Lee. Her mother, Laura Armstrong Mange used to live in Tyringham. Finally on June 3rd, Timothy and Louise Blake Stanton welcomed Todd Michael Stanton. They live in Lee but Timmy used to live in Tyringham. (Myrtle is now getting a bit nervous,

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she says she has her ear to the ground and hears still more stork wings a-coming.)

That little guy with the bow and arrow, Cupid, he's been busy too. Kenneth Michael Winters of Tyringham and Lillian Myrtle Williams of Lee were married in Union Church on May 29th. Young Cupe must have had one long arrow because now Albert Williams, brother of Ken's bride and Karen Winters, Ken's sister are to be married in Union Church on August 7th. In the meantime, Thomas Curtin (Denny's brother) is marrying Margaret Rose Williamson of Stockbridge in the Stockbridge Congregational Church on June 26th. And back in 1958, Peter Curtin, another brother of Denny's, married Deanne Williamson, sister of Tommy's bride-to-be. Makes it all kinda nice though a bit confusing.

Well, sad news comes along with the glad news and we are sorry to have to tell you that Elizabeth Alsop Shepard, sister of our good friend, Dr. Gulielma Fell Alsop, died June 1st. Many of you must have known her as she was very fond of Tyringham, having visited here many times since 1920.

This is Graduation month and Tyringham's sole graduate from Lee High School this year is Charles (Chucky) Clark, son of Wilbur (Jr.) and Irma Clark. From the Tyringham School four are graduating - Jennifer Canon, daughter of J. Northrup and Elanor Canon; David Hale, son of George and Jean Hale; Stephen Cabral, son of Richard and Doris Cabral; and Paul Adams, son of Stetson and Barbara Adams. Congratulations to you all! A former Tyringham young lady graduated on June 8th from Northeast High School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is Miss Jeannie Carlson, daughter of the Albert Carlson's, former residents on Fernside, niece of the Henning Carlson's.

And while we are in the educational circle, so to speak, Mrs. Millicant McIntosh, retired President of Barnard College, received an honorary degree from Hamilton College last week. Along with our Mrs. McIntosh, Richard Rodgers, the famous Broadway composer also received a degree there. May we also tell you, with pardonable pride, that Miss Margaret Jocelyn Reber, daughter of Major General and Mrs. Miles Reber, was awarded prizes for excellence in French and in Latin at Commencement activities at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield. And Jon Kraszeski, son of Lucyan and Lois Kraszeski is on the Dean's list at the University of Massachusetts.

Our Ninth Annual Strawberry Festival is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29th, starting at 5:30. There will be ham, two kinds of salad, cole slaw, and oodles of strawberries on biscuit--real shortcake--not the inferior spongecake variety. "Come and get it!"

The Hop Brook Community Club collected a total of 178 pounds of clothing and sent it to Church World Service for distribution to the needy of some foreign country.

Everett Fennelly is starting to build a home on Tyringham Road north of the house formerly owned by Mrs. Hiscox. And Albert Williams PLANS TO BUILD ON A LOT ADJACENT TO EVERETT'S.

DOUBTLESS YOU MAY WONDER WHY THIS PAGE APPEARS WITH TYPE THAT DIFFERS FROM THE OTHER THREE. IT SEEMS THAT MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, GOT SO HUNGRY READING ABOUT OUR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, THAT SHE UNCONSCIOUSLY MUNCHED AWAY ON PAGE THREE'S STENCIL, SO WE HAVE HAD TO DO IT OVER. (DON'T WORRY, WE DON'T PLAN TO ADD TURTLE SOUP TO THE MENU)

THE HOP BROOK CLUB'S ANNUAL FAIR AND RUMMAGE SALE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 31ST IN THE TYRINGHAM TOWN HALL. WATCH THE EAGLE FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

GOING BACK A BIT IN TIME WE WOULD MENTION THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE OF OUR TYRINGHAM SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER THE PATRIOTIC LEADERSHIP OF THEIR TEACHER, MRS. WELCH. IT IS ALWAYS INSPIRING TO LISTEN TO THESE YOUNG AMERICANS AND IF ALL ARE SUCH AS THEY, OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE WILL BE IN SAFE AND LOYAL HANDS. MAJOR GENERAL MILES REBER OF TYRINGHAM GAVE A SPLENDID ADDRESS AND THE LEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND PLAYED. IT IS, HOWEVER, A CAUSE FOR REGRET THAT MORE TYRINGHAM VETERANS AND EX-SERVICEMEN DO NOT TURN OUT TO HONOR THOSE AMERICANS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR OUR COUNTRY.

"IT IS AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NOBODY ANY GOOD" IS AN OLD SAYING. WE'D LIKE TO CHANGE IT A BIT TO SAY THAT "IT IS A HUNGRY TURTLE THAT DOESN'T DO SOMEBODY SOME GOOD OR BAD." FOR THANKS TO MYRTLE'S EATING PAGE 3 WE ARE ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT THE AUCTION, WE MENTIONED ON PAGE 1 HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF FURNITURE OR OTHER ARTICLES TO AUCTION OFF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHURCH CEILING FUND ETC AND IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING, PLEASE CALL STETSON ADAMS, MRS. SLATER OR ROGER LOGAN AND THE ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP.

THANKS, TOO, TO MYRTLE, WE ARE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE COMING MARRIAGE OF MARGARET DONALD, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS JOHN K. DONALD OF SCARSDALE, NY AND TYRINGHAM TO PETER GUY SNIDER OF STATE COLLEGE, PA. THE WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS MONTH IN UNION CHURCH, TYRINGHAM. MISS DONALD GRADUATED FROM BENNINGTON COLLEGE, JUNE 19TH.

DR. MILLICENT MCINTOSH OF TYRINGHAM, RECENTLY OFFICIATED AT THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN PITTSFIELD. MRS. MCINTOSH IS THE NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COLLEGE'S BOARD. WE CONGRATULATE MRS. MCINTOSH, OF INTERNATIONAL RENOWN AS AN EDUCATOR AND THE COLLEGE ON HER ELECTION AS ITS CHAIRMAN.

WHEN WE ORDERED THE SECOND EDITION OF MRE ELOISE MYERS' HISTORY OF TYRINGHAM AND NEIGHBORING TOWNSHIPS, "A HINTERLAND SETTLEMENT", WE EXPECTED AT THAT TIME THAT TYRINGHAM WOULD CELEBRATE ITS BI-CENTENNIAL BUT PLANS FELL THROUGH. HENCE WE ARE HAVING A BIT OF DIFFICULTY IN DISPOSING OF THIS SECOND EDITION. PRICE IS $4.00 INCLUDING MAPS. WHY NOT DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY AND BUY SOME FOR GIFTS?

IT GIVES US GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME TO TYRINGHAM THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT OR SUMMER RESIDENTS:- MR & MRS GEOFFREY POTTER & FAMILY; MR & MRS GERARD SPENCER & FAMILY; MR & MRS RICHARD MACCRACKEN AND SON, MR & MRS EDWARD POTHUL & FAMILY AND MR & MRS CORTLAND HEATH.

We are asked to urge all Union Church members who have not done so to send or personally give $1.10 to Mrs. Walter Stedman, our Church Treasurer. The Church each year has to pay out such dues for each member to the Massachusetts and Berkshire Associations to which it belongs. This means that the Church pays out almost $150. This is money well-spent for we derive great benefit from our Church's membership in these organizations. It seems so little to ask our members to pay and it would free our Treasury from a $150. expense which our members should be willing to share. This $1.10 is deemed to be outside of your contribution to the Church, all of the latter going for your church's own benefit, to be used for maintenance, salaries, etc.

We don't like to talk about expenses and raising money, etc. but you all know how you must have money to meet the expenses of keeping your own homes going. And so we, the members of Union Church, must raise money to keep God's House going. We do this by our Annual Canvass which we call our EVERY MEMBER CANVASS which has been held in very recent years in November or December, and found to be very poor months to hold it because of Winter and fuel expenses, Christmas, etc. looming up as well as some jobs expiring with Autumn's appearance. Hence the Church Committee has wisely decided our annual appeal for funds to keep our Church going will be held in August this year, a month when it used to be held. Our Committee (the Finance Committee) to conduct the campaign consists of Russell Loring (who is overseas in the Army,) Alice Hale and Allan Garner, and ex-officio, Mrs. Stedman.

Members of the Park Commission and of the Tyringham Colonel's softball team have done wonders with the baseball diamond and park. It is greatly improved and much safer with the diamond way off from the side of the road. (See picture on last page.)

Gerry Clark is back from Germany and on leave. He is slated to report to Fort Ord in California when his leave is up. We have had word from the Logans that Bruce Logan is in Viet Nam. The best wishes and prayers of all of us are with him.

The Church was missing almost 30 chairs when it came to getting ready for last month's Turkey Supper. They have been located and some returned but as a matter of proper supervision of Church property the Church Committee has unanimously voted that hereafter anyone wishing to borrow tables, chairs or other Church property must first get the permission of the Chairman of the Church Committee and must also agree to return them in good condition within 48 hours. (The present Chairman is Arnold Hale.)

Probably none of you who happened to be in Church one recent Sunday, noticed Myrtle, the Turtle coming up the aisle and climbing up (or crawling up) the steps and looking over a very slim congregation. She was quite shocked and she could see that the minister was disappointed and discouraged. So she looked up at him and said, "Don't worry, Pastor. Most of those people who never come to Church have sor sort of religion. At least they know what Church they are staying away from!"

Yours for Tyringham,

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TYRINGHAM'S ROCKET LAUNCHERS GETTING READY FOR THE "COUNT-DOWN". THEY PLAN SOON TO SEND UP A SMALL CAMERA AND GET BIRD'S EYE VIEWS.

OUR REORGANIZED PLAYGROUND AND IN THE BACKGROUND THE NEW SOFT-BALL DIAMOND -- GREAT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWN.

DON CERNIK WITH LARGEST TROUT RECORDED IN COUNTY ON DAY SEASON OPENED. (IT BECAME MUCH SMALLER THAN 16" WHEN STRAY CAT GOT IT!)

ABOVE IS THE SHABBY DOOR TO OUR CHURCH AND TO THE LEFT, ITS ROTTING STEPS, SOME MUTE EVIDENCE OF NEED FOR REPAIRS AND PAINT.

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AUTUMN ISSUE

Dear Folks:

This year and this issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS marks its TENTH ANNIVERSARY - and so we pass another milestone! If we remember correctly, only about 125 copies were mimeographed for that first issue in October 1955 and with that old mimeograph we were lucky to get them And they weren't very clear. But on the mimeograph we bought in late 1956, the printing was greatly improved - also the output. Now we run 250 copies of each issue. In June of last year, we added a picture page to each issue, thanks to the funds we receive for our Christmas greeting page in the annual December issue. By the way, now that we have mentioned the Christmas Greeting page, may we remind you that the page, with a special joint greeting at the top will again be publishe this coming December, bearing the names of all families or individual who wish to extend greetings of the season to all those who read TRYINGHAM TOPICS. (Who roughly number over 600 individuals.) We would appreciate receiving the names of all those of you who would like to have your names appear on our special greeting page with $1.00 per individual or family name. The page will be in color and your joint greeting will be just as sincere as those contained on any Christmas card and will save you much in the cost of cards and postage and time in writing.

Any surplus left over from the cost of the page will go to making this news-letter more interesting by the addition of pictures - which cost quite a bit. May we add that last year the list of names was much longer than in 1963 and consequently we could add more pictures. (We'd appreciate your enrolling early as Christmas will be here before you know it and all names must be in by December 15th!)

It has been a busy Summer and five Tyringhamites got married. First, on June 26th in the Stockbridge Congregational Church, Thomas Curtin of Tyringham was married to Margaret Rose Williamson of Stockbridge.

On June 26th, also, Margaret Frew Donald of Tyringham and Scarsdale, N. Y. was married to Peter Guy Snider of University Park, Penn. in Union Church.

On August 7th in Union Church, Karen Winters married Albert Williams of South Lee.

Two weeks later, also in Union Church, Rosa E. Loring of Otis, formerly of Tyringham, became the bride of Walter Alward of Winsted, Conn.

Also on August 21st, Gerald Twing of Tyringham married Anne Marie Doucette of Lee.

We have told you briefly the principals in all these weddings but we just don't have the space to name the parents and the bridal parties. And though you of the feminine gender would doubtless like to know what the bride and her attendants wore, we don't know a neckline from a bodice nor what a tiered bouffant skirt is nor a cathedral train When we married one couple we were interested in seeing what a pearl-trimmed tulle pouf rose headpiece was but we never recognized it and we didn't hear any puff!

We have only one birth to report of interest to Tyringham and that is the arrival of Kimberly Ann Twing, born August 9th to Edwin and Betty Williams Twing of Glendale.

Union Church has lost two members this Summer, both early in July. The funeral of Mrs. Mae Stedman Johnson, wife of Charles F. Johnson, took place on Sunday, July 4th in Union Church. She was a native and life-long resident of Tyringham. Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Michael Winters; a brother, Harold E. Stedman of Lee; a sister, Mrs. A. Wallace Tryon of Monterey; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Burial was in Tyringham.

Funeral services for Mrs. Reba Lumbert Babb were held in Union Church on Saturday, July 10th. Mrs. Babb was the widow of Ernest Babb She was a native of Mill River and had lived most of her life in Great Barrington and Lee. She sang in the Church Choir here. She leaves her daughter, Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski, with whom she lived; three grandchildren and two nephews. Burial was in Mill River.

We read in THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE that 50 years ago on August 6th, snow fell in Tyringham!

THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB recently met and elected Mrs. Percy Stanton as President succeeding Mrs. Ruth DuVernois, who resigned. Quite some years ago, when the Hop Brook Club as such was organized, Mrs. Stanton was one of its founders and its first President, with Mrs. Jessie Hale as Vice-President.

Allan and Mary Garner, living in the former Clifford Canon home, are busy raising Shetland ponies and they have 16 on hand, good thoroughbred stock, too. In addition there are quite a number of horses and riders going to and fro on Tyringham road, which makes Myrtle a bit cautious. She thinks the Town had better think of hiring the old-fashioned "white-wings" and their little two-wheeled carts that used to be so prevalent on New York streets.

Kenneth Jones, the younger, a member of the Civil Air Patrol in Pittsfield, and organizer of Tyringham's "Rocketeers", was recently awarded a training ribbon for successfully passing a course entitled "Introduction to the Aero Space Age". This made him eligible to take an orientation flight with Capt. James Smith, USAF Liaison Officer.

The Annual Hop Brook Fair and Rummage Sale brought in a profit of $678.63. The Valley Club had a table at the Fair and netted over $50. for Club purposes.

The Ceiling Fund, thanks to many generous contributions, is "over the top" and has a good start towards taking care of the painting of the exterior next Spring. The comparatively newly organized Valley Club helped boost the total by a gift of $50. and the Tyringham Fire Department gave $25. more. We have not space to list all the contributors but they will receive cards of appreciation in the near future. The total now stands at $2450. The Ceiling Committeé consisted of William Dyer as Chairman, Mrs. Grace Slater and Stetson Adams. They deserve much credit for a job well done.

The above funds have gone or are to go completely towards the preservation of the Church itself. It is unfortunate that we now have to consider raising our annual budget to carry on the services and running expenses of our Church. We hope you will realize these two vitally important objectives, one of which has already been met and its goal attained. But a very beautiful Church is of little use by itself unless it serves its Community and, above all, God Himself. At present writing we do not know whether this newsletter will reach you prior to our EVERY MEMBER CANVASS or not but Sunday, September 19, Canvass visitors will either call to answer any questions you may have and (hopefully) to receive your contributions or pledges for carrying on your Church in 1966. We are hoping that all our members particularly will give to help keep our Church in existence.

Tyringham is experiencing a building boom. Dr. and Mrs. Pappenheimer last Fall and Winter built a house with a beautiful view of the Cobble and parts of the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fennelly's new home is going up fast on Tyringham Road, north of the former Hiscox place and south of Ward McCarthy's. Mr. and Mrs. George Hale have started building across the road diagonally from the Logans, and near Lord and Lady Salter. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Loring are building over in West Otis at the juncture of Tyringham Road and Route 8.

Our good friend and fellow-townsman, General Miles Reber has been named Chairman of the South District Finance Campaign of the Berkshire Council Boy Scouts.

Sgt. George S. VanOrman, U. S. Air Force, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Chester VanOrman (known to most everyone as he was brought up in the house now occupied by his brother, Gordon VanOrman) has been revealed as the recipient of several medals for action in 1963 in Viet Nam, when he was serving in the Marine Corps. Sid, as we all in Tyringham called him, kept these awards to himself very modestly and never mentioned them. He won four Marine Corps Air Medals and the Army Commendation Medal. During his 14-months tour of duty in Viet Nam he flew 86 missions in Marine H-34 helicopters. On one mission his helicopter received 16 bullet holes. In other missions his copters were riddled with 26 bullets. He received the Army Commendation Medal for assisting in the rescue of an Army pilot shot down over enemy territory. Sid slid down a cable from a hovering copter to aid the captain

who had suffered a broken leg and arm during the crash. He rendered first aid and stayed with the wounded man all night until help came next morning. Sid was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps after nine years of service. He joined the Air Corps in 1964 after a year as a civilian. We are proud to say that both he and his wife, Madeleine, are members of Union Church. Mrs. Sid and their two children, Holly and Scott are with him at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Mrs. Sid is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Patsy Zaccaria of Lee. (Pat is the proprietor of the Lee Supermarket---no charge for the plug, Pat!)

Myrtle is quite indignant - some of the boys mistook her for a skate-board! (Parents - please caution your children.)

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Potter were hosts during the Summer to our Sunday School and its teachers. The party was held by the Swimming Pool and all the guests, without exception, were most grateful for a grand and happy time.

Thanks to the continuing interest and helpfulness of Dr. Gulielma F. Alsop, the children of Tyringham School enjoyed a lecture last June by Alvah Sanborn of the Pleasant Valley Sanctuary and later, in August, a trip to the Sanctuary and a guided tour by Mr. Sanborn himself. Dr. Alsop has other events in mind which will be revealed in due time after school has gotten under way.

Myrtle, who made her first appearance in TYRINGHAM TOPICS in June of 1958 received a gift recently from Arnold Hayne who sent her a book entitled "Myrtle Turtle". The book was published in 1961 and Myrtle insists it was written about her. (How conceited can one get!)

It was good to see all the publicity and pictures and notices concerning "Tyringham Galleries" and the Davises. Huge crowds attended the auctions and exhibits, the most successful season yet.

The last public supper of this season for the benefit of Union Church is scheduled for mid-October. It will be the Annual Harvest Supper consisting of TURKEY and all the fixin's---a good work-out to get everyone in shape for Thanksgiving Dinners.

Our Sunday School starts on Sunday, October 3rd, which is also World Wide Communion Sunday, with reception of new members.

Thomas Fennelly is now a private in the U. S. Army stationed for Basic Training at Fort Dix.

Christmas is on the way and might we suggest as a suitable gift for someone, a copy of Mrs. Eloise Myers' "A Hinterland Settlement"---a history of Tyringham with a bit about Monterey, including old maps---$4.00 a copy. Mrs. Stanton and Miss Alice Hale have copies they'd like to sell you---or send your order through TYRINGHAM TOPICS when you send your Greetings for the Christmas page.

Miss Margaret Clapp of Tyringham and Wellesley has tendered her resignation as President of Wellesley College, effective as of July 1,

WEDDING SCENES SUMMER 1965

MR & MRS THOMAS CURTIN AND THEIR PARENTS IN STOCKBRIDGE. (BRIDE WAS MARGARET WILLIAMSON OF STOCKBRIDGE)

MR & MRS PETER SNIDER IN TYRINGHAM. (BRIDE WAS MARGARET DONALD OF TYRINGHAM & SCARSDALE, N.Y.) WITH THEM ARE MR & MRS JOHN DONALD, PARENTS, AND MISS ALISON DONALD, SISTER OF BRIDE.

MR & MRS ALBERT WILLIAMS IN TYRINGHAM. (BRIDE WAS KAREN WINTERS OF TYRINGHAM) BACKGROUND-MISS ROSA LORING OF OTIS AND MISS MARY ELLEN BUCKLEY OF NYC

MR & MRS WALTER ALWARD IN TYRINGHAM. (BRIDE WAS ROSA LORING OF OTIS. MRS. CHARLES LORING, MOTHER OF BRIDE, MRS ALBERT WILLIAMS MATRON OF HONOR & ROLAND MATZKO BEST MAN.

ALVAH W. SANBORN, DIRECTOR OF PLEASANT VALLEY SANCTUARY TALKS TO TYRINGHAM SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS.

SOME OF CROWD WAITING TO GET IN TO ONE OF OUR PUBLIC SUPPERS

1966. She has been head of Wellesley since 1949. Her resignation has been accepted with regret by the Wellesley Trustees. Miss Clapp is the eighth president of Wellesley. She won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1949. During President Clapp's term as President, the endowment of the college increased 112%, the average salary of faculty members increased 133%, financial aid was tripled and an extensive building program was carried out. During her administration the Wellesley endowment increased from $29 million to $61 million and a $21 million development program is now underway. Here, we would like to quote our esteemed BERKSHIRE EAGLE, which recently said, "Wellesley College's loss will be Berkshire's gain if Miss Margaret Clapp, retiring as President after 17 years, becomes a year-round resident of Tyringham, where she now maintains a part-time home. And how many other small towns, one might add, can boast of having two such academically distinguished adopted daughters as Miss Clapp and Barnard President Emeritus Millicent McIntosh?" "Or two as nice?" quoth Myrtle, the Turtle!

In fact Tyringham has much to be proud of! (Never end a sentence with a preposition particularly after referring to college presidents" cautions Myrtle.) Well, as we started to say when rudely interrupted by our hard-shelled friend, Tyringham is famous for various notables who purchased homes or summered here. And we still have well-known or famous people but a recent issue of the SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN, noting one or two of the past, went on to pay this well-deserved tribute to Tyringham "....But none of these give the Tyringham Valley its deserved fame. If one enters the valley from the approximate North or East Lee, one sees before him a broad, lush meadow with cattle grazing, and even in this summer of so much drought the meadows of the valley have remained green.

There are men who have crossed the Canadian Rockies with their snow-capped mountains and lovely waters, there are men who have viewed the majesty of the Matterhorn and there are men who have seen the Bay of Naples of which it used to be said: 'See the Bay of Naples and die', in the belief that it was the loveliest spot on earth.

But it is the verdict of some men who have seen those views that no one of them can compare with the Tyringham Valley. Men return to it year after year, as men return to a shrine, because to them it is the loveliest place on earth."

With this note we close our Autumn letter to you all.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

Season's Greetings

Christmas is a time for kind thinking, for forgiveness, and for forgetting old troubles. It is a time for friendships to grow dearer. And particularly this year we whose names appear below join together with all of you in a prayer that before long there will be Peace on Earth and Good Will towards Mankind everywhere—and war nevermore. God bless all you who read this page and may He bless your Christmas fireside and His word enrich your lives all the year 'round.

Mr. & Mrs. Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma Alsop
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Alward
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett & Martha
Mr. & Mrs. Norbert A. Bogdan
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Butler & Jesse Pierce
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cabral & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clark & Family
Miss Beulah Cannon
Miss Carolyn Canon
Mrs. Clifford Canon
Mr. & Mrs. J. Northrup Canon, John & Jenifer
Henning and Carolyn Carlson & Henning, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cernik & Family
Rev.("Cap") & Mrs. Franklin L. Coueh
PFC Dennis & Sue Curtin & Dennis, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. John Curtin
Mr. & Mrs. J. Neil Curtin
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Curtin & Sons
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Curtin
Don & Ann Davis & Sons
Mr. & Mrs. George deSousa & Family
Everill Downs
Mr. & Mrs. William Dyer & Arthur
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Eddy & Family
James & Beverly (Dyer) Elsensohn
Mr. & Mrs. James Fawcett & Son
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fennelly & Son
Everett & Mary Ann Fennelly & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Gaisford & Johnny
Mr. & Mrs. William Gelschleichter
Rosamond Gilder
Mrs. Arthur Gilmore
George, Jean & David Hale
Don & Mary Hale & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Hanson
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hayne
Ashwell B. Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Cortland Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Heath
M. Elizabeth Hiscox
Mrs. Louise Hiscox
Mr. Charles Johnson
Kenneth & Alberta Jones, Kenneth & Linda
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Knickerbocker
Mr. & Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski & Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Leipzig
Sgt. Bruce Logan (US Army in Viet Nam)
Roger & Ruth Logan
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring, Sr., Russell, Bennie & Joe
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring, Jr. & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loring & Family
Tech/Sgt. Douglas & Mrs. McCarthy & Daughters
Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. McCarthy
Mr. Ward McCarthy
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
Polly Perkins Montgomery, Kate, Mary & Eleanor Montgomery
Mrs. Marie Moore
Myrtle, the Turtle
Dr. & Mrs. John Pappenheimer & Family
Gilder & Ann Palmer
Mrs. Mary Pike
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pothul & Family
Major General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Mr. Samuel Reber
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Reynolds
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Schots
Miss Gladys Sheldon & Mary Sheldon Jarrett
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Slater & Family
Mrs. Grace Slater
Raymond & Mary Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spoerl & Katherine
Mrs. Isabel Stanton
Mrs. Janice Stedman & June
Sunset Farm Folks
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Twing
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Twing
Mr. & Mrs. Rudd Truax, Aliee & Hawley
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon VanOrman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Weitzman
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Whalen & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Winters
Mrs. Emily Welch

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WINTER ISSUE

Dear Folks:

It's GOOD to communicate with you all, even though it's only on paper. And we hope we'll bring you up-to-date on many things for, though the little town of Tyringham is usually quiet, many things seem to happen to Tyringham people, past and present. And we need all of you to help us make this a real news-letter. Myrtle, the Turtle, covers the ground pretty well but she can't get everywhere, you know. And some of you are hundreds of miles away, at least, and we all want to know about your accomplishments and experiences, honors, decorations, etc.

But as to what we have got, here goes. First of all, because no one told us, we did not tell you that Matthew Gerard VanOrman arrived at the Texas home of his parents, Airman and Mrs. Dudley VanOrman on August 20, 1965. And a son, Parker Richard, was born to Willis and Marilyn (Blake) Fennelly on October 12th. Also another arrival of interest to Tyringham folks was a daughter, Jean Marie, to Gerald and Donna (Heath) Blake on October 16th. Going back a bit, on October 5th, a son, James Edward, came to live with Fred and Evelyn (Twing) Read of Lenoxdale. And to Ronald and Nancy (Rowley) Loring came a son on November 19th. So you see the stork has sure done a bit of flying so far as former Tyringham people are concerned. (Whoops! There goes Myrtle diving into Hop Brook as another stork or two hovers around!)

This was a great summer for weddings and the fall season was the same. On September 18th, William Henry Kickery of Lee married Cheryl Nancy Heath, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Courtland Heath of Tyringham in Union Church. Then on October 22nd, Arnold Hayne of Tyringham married Sandra McKenzie of New York in Union Church. Mrs. Hayne is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Elmore McKenzie of Hinsdale, Illinois. On October 30th a former Tyringham young lady, Marianne Burdick of Lee came back to be married to Robert Evans Dearstyne also of Lee. Then, on November 27th, Mrs. Candace Heath Abderhalden, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Heath, formerly of Tyringham, was married in Union Church to Joseph J. Coco of Lee. Another wedding of interest to Tyringham was that of Norene G. Smith of Adams, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond E. Smith of Tyringham. Norene was married to Alfred

R. LaFountain of Adams in Notre Dame Church in that town on October 16th.

Probably many of you who summer here, remember Mrs. Hazel Tinker Judd, who for many years ran the general store known as Tinker's Store. Mrs. Judd, a native of Tyringham, died in the Lee Nursing Home on September 10th. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Johnson of the Lee Congregational Church of which she was a member and burial was in Tyringham cemetery.

Then on September 13th, Mrs. Maude Fox Lyman, formerly of Tyringham died in the Renzi Nursing Home in Pittsfield. She came to Tyringham in 1945. Her funeral was held in Union Church with the Rev. Stanley Johnson officiating in the absence of the pastor. Burial was in Wayland, N. Y. Mrs. Lyman was a member of Union Church.

Myrtle, the Turtle, is getting a swelled head. She saw herself or rather a statue of herself in a catalog. It was even labeled "Myrtle, the Walking Turtle" and it costs $1.00. Myrtle insists it costs $100. and she's quite pleased with her fame.

There's lots a-doing in the real estate and building field. The Dr. Pappenheimer home started it, apparently, when they built on the mountainside. Now Charles Slater is building two houses on Tyringham Road, one diagonally across from the former Hiscox place and this house will be occupied by his employee, Edward Pothul and his family. About a quarter of a mile further towards the center of town, Everett Fennelly has been building a two-story house on the west side of the road and almost opposite it is Charlie Slater's second house which will be for sale when finished.

Over by Lost Farm, the summer home of William Roerick, the actor, a house is built by a friend of Mr. Roerick, Thomas Coley, another actor. Mr. Roerick is currently featured on Broadway in a play entitled "The Right Honorable Gentleman" at the Billy Rose Theater.

Still going north along Tyringham Road almost across from the Roger Logan's and next to the summer home of Lord and Lady Salter, almost completed is the new home of George and Jean Hale and their son David.

South House, the 100-acre estate of Dr. Henry Field has been sold to Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Potter. As you doubtless know, most of you, it is on Fernside and last Summer, the Potters very kindly entertained the children of our Sunday School there.

Ronald Loring and his wife and children have been living in the home of Mrs. Charles VanDeusen until the new house they are building in West Otis is ready and it is almost that now, Myrtle guesses. Diagonally across from Ronny's house, Bert and Karen Williams are living. Right nearby, too, are the Charles Loring, Juniors and the Jim Lorings and over in Otis are Charles and Beatrice Loring and between Otis and Lee are Ken Winters and his wife, Lillian, so you see Tyringham people are spreading out. In the other direction over in Stockbridge is Tommy Curtin and Maggie and Donna Blake and Gerald while up north in Lenoxdale there are Bob and Josie DuVernois, Cele Ford and her mother, Madame Muyt while nearby are the Terry Curtins and the Timmy Stantons. We didn't intend to get started on all this

but, with mentioning that the Roy Heaths and the Jimmy Curtins are in Lee not far from Lenoxdale, we'll stop for now as we're all out of breath dashing here and there. The Gerry Twings though, we add, are living right here in Tyringham in an apartment owned by the Adams Family. (NOT, we would emphasize, the famed Adams family on TV!)

The Valley Club, The Tyringham Fire Department and members of the Conservation Commission, are building a 40 x 100 foot skating rink so that the youngsters can have a safe place to skate. It is on the playground. Personally we don't like ice. Sometimes we skate on it too, but not on what we're supposed to.

The Valley Club sure is a live-wire organization. They recently held caning classes. We went down thinking we might get some strawberries or something but found out they weren't canning anything, they were caning---which means they were weaving chair seats and all sorts of things and believe you me, they were doing nice work. They have also taken on the task of seeing that all the young children living in Tyringham receive gifts at the School Christmas Tree.

The Cub Scouts of Tyringham collected $45. for UNICEF at Halloween time, thus helping children in other lands through the United Nations.

Sunday, December 19th will be observed as Christmas Sunday in Union Church with the regular Christmas Sunday service at 11:00 AM and at 7:30 in the evening the annual Carol and Candlelight Service will be held. Throughout Christmas Week carols will ring out from the Church tower, thanks to the Holloway Memorial Music Tower system, given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Holloway, who lived on Fernside for many years. The music system was a gift from their children to Union Church.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Irving DuVernois are spending the winter in Florida.

The Hop Brook Club and the Valley Club assisted the Church on Sunday evening, December 12th, in giving a reception to Mr. & Mrs. William D. Dyer, who have given up their residence in Tyringham and moved to Washington Mountain Road in Dalton. During their stay in Tyringham of over thirteen years they have done a great deal for Union Church. Both sang in the choir. Mrs. Dyer was very active in the Hop Brook Club and was a Deaconess in the Church. Mr. Dyer was Church Treasurer for several years and recently, with Mrs. Grace Slater and Mr. Stetson Adams, raised over $2000. for Church renovation, including a new suspended type of ceiling.

The Church is deeply grateful to Mrs. Rustin McIntosh for her gift of 125 plates for our Dining Room and to Mrs. William Leipzig for 11 roll baskets for our Church suppers.

The Valley Club has elected the following officers: President,

MR AND MRS ARNOLD HAYNE
AND WEDDING GUESTS

MR AND MRS ROBERT E. DEARSTYNE
AND WEDDING PARTY

MR AND MRS JOSEPH COCO
AND ATTENDANTS

THE STITCH AND STIR CLUB

LEFT TO RIGHT:- LISA DESOUSA, JUNE STEDMAN, DEBORAH LORING, NANCY GARNER, SHARON ADAMS, SUSAN SLATER, DAWN CERNIK AND BRENDA VANORMAN. IN REAR IS MRS. DONALD DAVIS, THEIR LEADER, WHO IS DOING A VERY SPLENDID GOOD TURN IN TEACHING THESE YOUNG TYRINGHAM GIRLS VARIOUS PROJECTS FROM SEWING, AND FLOWER ARRANGING TO COOKING AND MAKING CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS.

Mrs. Robert Clark; Secretary, Mrs. Stetson Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. Allan Garner.

We are very happy to welcome home Russell Loring, back and discharged from the Army in Germany.

It seems most fitting that we close this issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS with a salute to all our Tyringham young men in the service of our beloved country. We are grateful to each and all of them wherever they are and our prayers are for them as we send these young men our Christmas greetings.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOD BLESS YOU ---

Sgt. Gerald Clark, U.S.Army at Camp Roberts in California
PFC Dennis Curtin, U.S.Marines, en route to Panama
Pvt. Thomas Fennelly, U.S.Army, en route to Germany
Sp/5 Bruce Logan, U.S.Army in VIET NAM
AOAN Shaun Smith, U.S.Navy, en route to waters off VIET NAM
Airman Dudley VanOrman, U.S.Air Force, Texas
Sgt. Sidney VanOrman, U.S.Air Force, Edwards AFB, California
Tech/Sgt. C. Douglas McCarthy, U.S.Air Force, Bermuda

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

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SPRING ISSUE

Dear Folks:

Back from a vacation in Florida and up looms our quarterly newsletter to you all. Myrtle, the Turtle, went with us and it was an error for she lost her heart to a big sea-turtle. But she was so small, he would have nothing to do with her and she is broken-hearted but will soon get over it.

Much has happened since our December issue. In December was the annual Tyringham School Christmas entertainment and tree under the guidance of Mrs. Welch and those Tyringham youngsters---well we think they're just wonderful! Those of you unable to be there missed a great display of young talent, both musical and theatrical! Wish you all could have seen them in action!

We had a good attendance at the Christmas Sunday morning service and the Candlelight Service in the evening and the Holloway Memorial Music Tower sent forth Carols over the air. In our Christmas Greeting Page of "Topics" more than ever sent greetings but Myrtle pulled a boo-boo and somehow omitted the greeting of The Wilbur Clerk Juniors and The Jeffrey Potters and we want you to accept their belated greetings this month.

The Annual Meeting of Union Church was held January 12th with the following elected to office: Moderator, Arnold Hale; Deacon, Roger Logan; Deaconess, Elizabeth Slater; Clerk, Holly Darey; Treasurer, Janice Stedman; Auditor, Everett Fennelly; Trustee, Davena Curtin; Church Comm. Member, Alice Hale; Finance Comm. Member, Russell Loring; Endowment Comm., Fred Judd; Sunday School Supt., Juel Hale; Asst. S. S. Supt., Alberta Jones. The reports were all good and showed progress. Particularly gratifying was the report of the Finance Comm. which, while not placing us in any million dollar category, nevertheless showed that holding our Every Member Canvass in August rather than in November was a wise move.

We take this opportunity to mention that Sunday, April 3rd is Palm Sunday; Good Friday is April 8th and on this evening service we receive new members into our fellowship. Then Easter Sunday is April 10th and we hope to see our Church filled with worshippers, young and old, as individuals or in family groups.

We are happy to tell you about two new arrivals to Tyringham or former Tyringham parents---Michael Charles Winters arrived on December 15th to take charge of Kenneth Michael and Lillian Williams Winters, who now live in Otis. Four days later on December 19th a Christmas gift arrived for Larry and Betty Cernik, young Mr. Randy Jay Cernik. We have seen both little boys and they gave us broad grins, so they probably will be as good natured as their parents.

Along with the good news we often must report the sad as we do now in telling you of the death of Beulah Cannon on February 17th at the age of 88. All her life she had lived in Tyringham and loved its people and was loved by them. She operated Orchard House for many years. She was a member of Union Church. Her funeral service was on Saturday, February 19th and was conducted by Rev. Stanley Johnson of Lee, in the absence of the pastor who was in Florida. Miss Cannon loved flowers and she developed a Pink Verbina known as the Beulah Cannon and it has become quite famous.

Town Meeting and Elections have come and gone and the following were elected: Moderator, Charles E. Slater; Selectman, Robert K. Clark; School Committee Member, Charles Johnson; Assessor, Willis Hale; Town Clerk, Miss Alice Hale; Town Treasurer, George deSousa; Cemetery Trustee, Mrs. Grace Slater; Auditor, William Gelschleichter; Park Commissioner, Larry Cernik; Library Trustee, Miss Isabelle Stanton.

Myrtle, the Turtle, has just rushed in all a-flutter. She's been checking up since her return from Florida and she's getting nervous again. She thinks it's mighty nice for Dr. Alsop to promote bird feeding stations about town and it's good of Mrs. Welch to get her pupils to feed the birds but poor Myrtle, she tells me that some of them seem to be attracting storks!

In the rush of so much in our December issue we forgot to mention the gift of 4 yew trees to the Church by Dr. Gulielma Alsop. They are planted across the front and look real nice.

Welcome to Tyringham, Mr. & Mrs. William Brundige and family! The Brundiges have moved from Agawam and are living in the house formerly occupied by the William Dyers. Mr. Brundige is Chief Electrician at the Peter J. Schweitzer Mills in Lee.

To report briefly on new construction in Tyringham, the new homes of George Hale and Everett Fennelly are nearing completion and they should be in them soon. The two houses being constructed along Tyringham Road by Charles Slater near the new Fennelly house are still uncompleted. One will be occupied by the Pothuls. The old colonial brick house, formerly occupied by Mrs. Louise Hiscox has been purchased from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Slater by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Thober of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. The house was built of Tyringham brick in 1799 and in its early days in the 1800's, it was the scene of many dances and gatherings, meetings, etc. Mr. Thober is employed in the electronic computer department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in New York. The Thobers plan to restore the building and eventually live therein. Shirley Realty of Lee was the realtor The Coley house by Lost Farm is being finished.

The 12-room, large colonial house formerly known as the Holloway estate, located on Fernside has been bought by Mr. & Mrs. Peter C. Hahn of Farmington, L. I. from Richard Ravenal. This house was built in 1908 and was located on land that once belonged to the Shakers. The upper space of land behind the house was once known as Mt. Horab Holy Land, so-called by the Shakers. The Hahns plan to restore the house. Mr. Hahn is president of Lucille de Paris, Inc., handbag manufacturers. The Hahns have four children, the oldest being 14. Shirley Realty of Lee also handled this transaction. The Holloways named the place "Tamarack".

Our good friend to Tyringham, Dr. Gulielma Alsop, has deeded her cottage to her nephew, Dr. Shepard, and we hope to see him and his family this Summer. We also hope so much to see Dr. Alsop herself paying frequent visits to Tyringham.

Larry Cernik has been appointed as sales and service manager of the R. E. Allen Frigidaire stores, located in Lee and Pittsfield.

As Julius Caesar tells us in his Gallic Wars which many school children know if they study Latin, "All Gaul is divided into three parts." That's nothing to us, of course, but we often forget that "All Tyringham is divided into two parts"---the Hop Brook section and the Goose Pond section over the mountain, reached by a very roundabout way, involving going through Lee. Well, all this is leading up to the story that "Road's End", a 126-acre piece of mountainside overlooking Goose Pond, has been sold by Phileas and Mary Prunier of San Diego, Calif. to Anthony Depalo and Stanley Roberts of Fairfax, Virginia. The property will be developed for leisure-home sites, including a small artificial pond for swimming. We understand that the new owners plan to start building early this summer. They will build houses in the $8000 to $10000 class, suitable for all year round recreational use. Both the owners are research analysts for the U. S. Navy Weapons System in Virginia.

We met a friend of ours tother day in Pittsfield---Harrison Swart, now of Cummington. Harrison gave us a picture drawing or sketch entitled "Distant View of Tyringham". It is a print of outstanding historical interest, probably the only known portrayal of old, old Tyringham center looking across Lake Garfield from Rte. 23. The old Church shown in the distance was moved later to Housatonic. According to "A Hinterland Settlement" by Eloise Myers, this Church was sold in 1873 at auction for $430.62 to the Methodists of Housatonic. Its bell and the flagstone walk went with it. (See page 10 of "Hinterland Settlement.) We reproduce the drawing made from a woodcut on our picture page in this issue. Harrison has this and other reproductions such as "Saddle Mountain Across Pontoosuc Lake", "View (of Stockbridge) from Monument Mountain", "View of Zoar Bridge" and "Section of Bashapish Upper Falls". They are all printed on Strathmore's heavy white Artemis paper (9½"x14" overall) and are most suitable for framing. Prints are $1.50 each; any three $4.00. Complete set, including the one reproduced of old Tyringham $6.50. If you want any or all, write Harrison Swart, Cummington, Massachusetts. (It is interesting to know that these restorations of original woodcuts were contained in the geological survey of Edward Hitchcock, who

later became President of Amherst College. His report, by the way, was the first of its kind ever undertaken in the United States.)

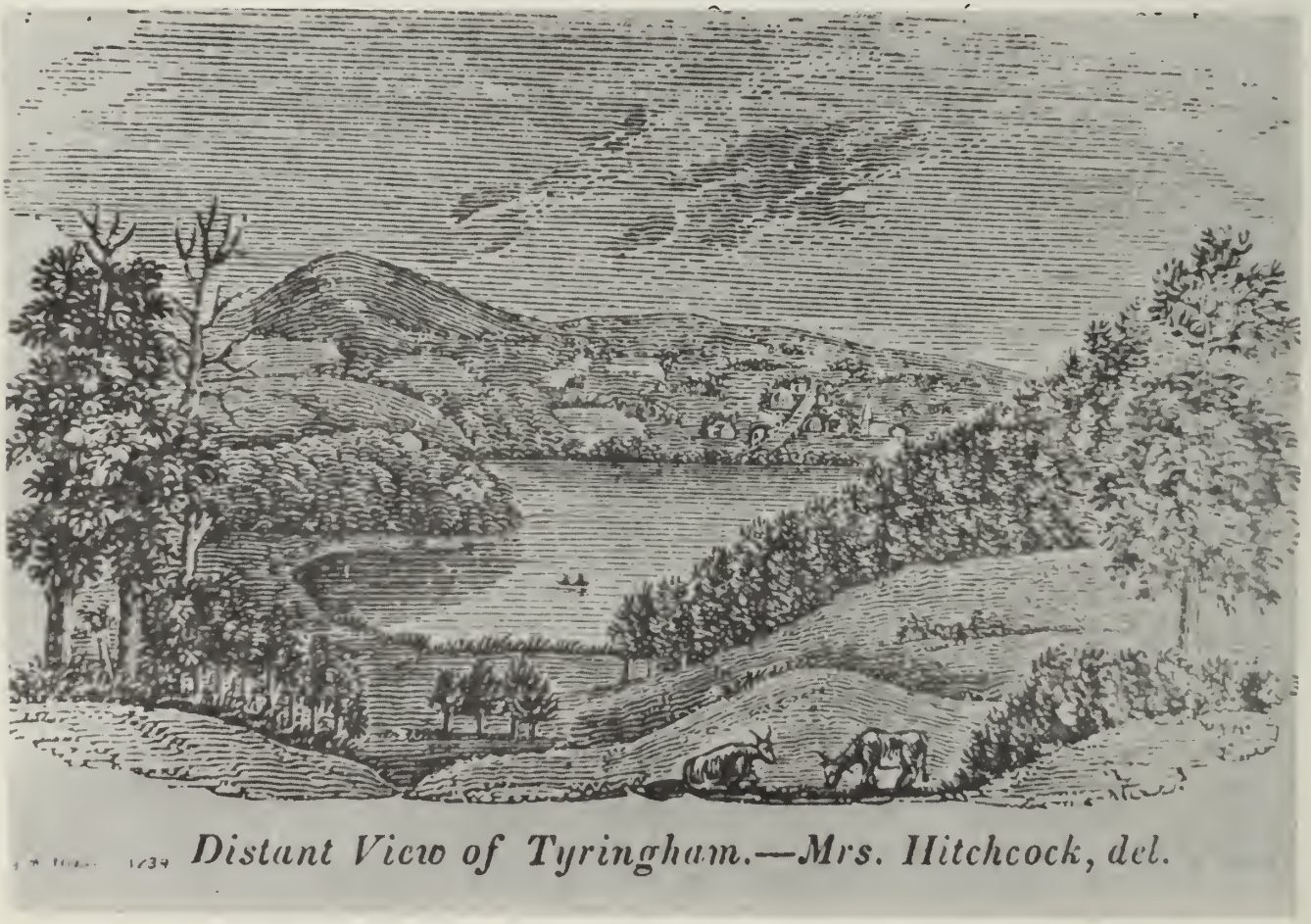
Tyringhamite Miss Margaret Clapp, President of Wellesley College has been appointed head of Lady Doak College in Mandurai, India next September. The college has 600 students of whom 40% are Christians, the other Hindus or Muslims. Its support comes from the United Church of Christ, the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, the Community Churches, the Swedish-Lutheran Church and the Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association. Our congratulations to Miss Clapp on this great compliment.

Yours for Tyringham,

F. L. C.

P. S. Below is the picture mentioned in the next to the last paragraph but the sketches that Mr. Swart has for sale are much clearer and whiter than the photographic reproduction below.

William Hale, the great great (and maybe another "great") grandfather of Arnold and Wills Hale, started with other churchmen to build the Church you see in the picture across Lake Gar-

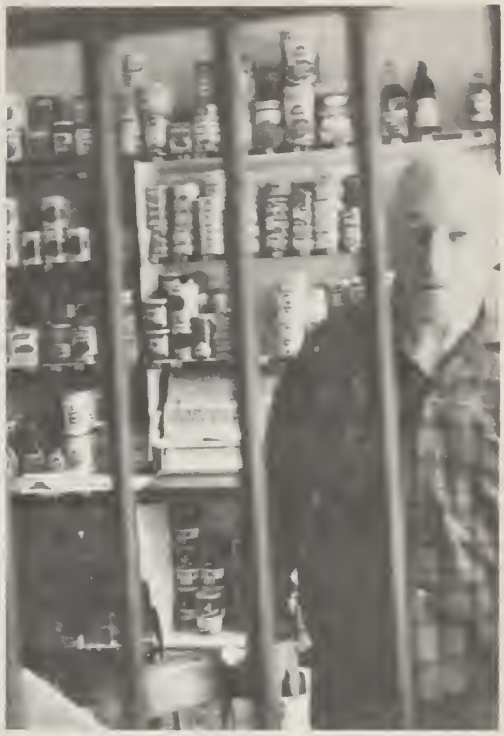


Distant View of Tyringham.—Mrs. Hitchcock, del.

field but the Indians who were not Church-goers (must be some descendants of theirs living in Ttown now) got a bit threatening so the builders went away for two years, then came back and finished the Church.

At that ime (1839) the Church was in Tyringham but the site is now in Monterey. (see Mrs. Myers' book for details)

THE NEW SKATING RINK IN THE PARK PLACED THERE THANKS TO THE VALLEY CLUB, THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPT. AND THE PARK COMMISSIONERS.



CARL CURTIN, GENIAL POSTMASTER, STOREKEEPER AND DEVOTED REPUB----- ER - WE MEAN DEMOCRAT.

SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN TYRINGHAM WERE TWO INTERESTING AND WELCOME GUESTS FROM VIET NAM AND THE PHILIPPINES. ABOVE ARE MR & MRS CHARLES SLATER, CHARLES JR, DANNY AND SUSAN AND J.P.DON GAIL JR FROM MANILA, THEIR GUEST AND MISS PHAN MY-LIN FROM SAIGON WITH MRS GRACE SLATER, HER HOSTESS.

THE TWO GUESTS WERE MEMBERS OF A GROUP BELONGING TO THE U. S INFORMATION SERVICE TOURING OUR COUNTRY FOR FIRST-HAND OBSERVATIONS TO TAKE BACK TO OUR VARIOUS EMBASSIES IN FOREIGN LANDS.

YOUNGSTERS ON THE NEW RINK. IN THE USUAL ORDER:- ANN BUFFONI OF LEE, JENIFER CANON, STEPHEN ADAMS, DAWN CERNIK, SHERON ADAMS GLENN VANORMAN, DEBORAK LORING, LISA DESOUSA AND BRENDA VANORMAN

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SUMMER LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

HERE, AT LONG LAST IS SUMMER! AS A "DEAR OLD HAWVUD" MAN WOULD SAY (PERHAPS) "SPRING HAS CAME AND WENT" ! ANYWAY IT WAS A LONG WINTER, A VERY SHORT SPRING AND NOW EVERYTHING IS GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL IN TYRINGHAM VALLEY. AND WELCOME TO ALL YOU SUMMER SOJOURNERS!

SINCE OUR DECEMBER MESSAGE, WE HAVE HAD WELL-ATTENDED CHRISTMAS AND EASTER SERVICES IN UNION CHURCH. IT SEEMS SO GOOD TO SEE SO MANY AT BOTH THESE SERVICES, EVEN THOUGH THE CHURCH IS NOT FILLED IN BETEEN, WHICH REMINDS US TO TELL YOU THAT CHILDREN'S DAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH AT 11.00 AM. PARENTS WISHING THEIR CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED SHOULD LET US KNOW VERY SOON.

WE WERE VERY HAPPY TO WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP ON GOOD FRIDAY ARNOLD AND SANDRA HAYNE OF TYRINGHAM AND NEW YORK.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE A NEW TYRINGHAM CITIZEN, WALTER ALWARD, JUNDR, SON OF MR. AND MRS. (ROSA LORING) ALWARD, BORN MAY 26TH.

OUR ELEVENTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY JUNE 30TH. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB HAS PRESENTED THE CHURCH WITH THREE FORMICA TOPPED TABLES AND AN ANONYMOUS DONOR HAS GIVEN A FOURTH. OUR GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS HEREBY RECORDED FOR THESE SPLENDID AND MUCH-NEEDED TABLES. THE CHURCH COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO BEQUEATH TO OUR TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, OUR PRESENT TABLES AS THE NEW REPLACEMENTS ARE RECEIVED. THE COMMITTEE ALSO VOTED THAT THE NEW TABLES CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER EXCEPT BY THE CHURCH OR THE HOP BROOK CLUB FOR ITS FAIR.

BY THE WAY, TAKE CAREFUL NOTE, THE ANNUAL HOP BROOK FAIR IS TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD. THE CLUB HAS MADE A NEW RULING IN REGARD TO THE FAIR, WHICH WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED BY ALL TYRINGHAM. THEY HAVE VOTED NOT TO PERMIT ANT PRIOR SALE OF ANY ITEMS. THE PAST PRACTICE OF PRIOR SALES HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED.

WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GIFT OF A LARGE REFRIGERATOR FROM THE R. E. ALLEN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SALES & SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF LEE AND PITTSFIELD. OUR LARRY CERNIK IS SALES AND SERVICE MANAGER OF THIS FIRM.

ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST SECURE THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE, ARNOLD HALE,

IN ORDER TO BORROW ANY CHURCH EQUIPMENT SUCH AS TABLES, CHAIRS, OR DISHES ETC. PERMISSION TO USE THE COMMUNITY CENTER MUST BE OBTAIN- THROUGH THE MINISTER. BUT IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT ANY ORGANIZATION USING THE PREMISES MUST REMOVE THEIR OWN RUBBISH AFTER THE AFFAIR IS OVER AND THEY SHOULD THEREFORE BRING CONTAINERS WITH THEM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THIS IS GRADUATION TIME AND WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR TYRING- HAM GRADUATES FROM HERE AND THERE. TYRINGHAM SCHOOL HAS A GRADUATE CLASS OF THREE -- SUSAN SLATER, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS CHARLES SLATER, PAUL ADAMS, SON OF MR & MRS STETSON ADAMS AND DAVID CURTIN, SON OF MR & MRS NEIL CURTIN. LEE HIGH SCHOOL'S TYRINGHAM GRADUATES ARE:- SUSAN CABRAL, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS RICHARD CABRAL; DONALD (CHIPPER) DAVIS, SON OF MR & MRS DONALD DAVIS; KENNETH JONES, SON OF MR & MRS KENNETH JONES; ALAN AND NANCY KRASZESKI; SON AND DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS LUCYAN KRASZESKI; AND DENNIS WHALEN, SON OF MR & MRS JOSEPH WHALEN. GRADUATED FROM MISS HALL'S SCHOOL IN PITTSFIELD, IS MISS MARGARET (PEGGY) REBER, DAUGHTER OF MAJOR GENERAL AND MRS. MILES REBER. SHE GRADUATED AT THE HEAD OF HER CLASS AND WON SEVERAL AWARDS AS WELL FOR EXCELLENCE IN HER STUDIES. AND ARTHUR DYER, SON OF MR & MRS WILLIAM DYER OF DALTON, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM GRADUATED FROM WENTWORTH INSTITUTE IN BOSTON. MISS REBER WILL ENTER WELLESLEY COL- LEGE THIS FALL AND MR. DYER HAS TAKEN A POSITION WITH SPRAGUE ELEC- TRIC COMPANY IN NORTH ADAMS. AND, - OH, YES -- WE ALMOST FORGOT-- MYRTLE THE TURTLE, GRADUATED FROM HOP BROOK UNIVERSITY WITH THE DEGREE OF D.S. -- DOCTOR OF STORKOLOGY.

AND WHILE WE ARE IN THIS COLLEGIATE FRAME OF MIND, WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO MENTION THAT JON KRASZESKI, SON OF MR & MRS LUCYAN KRASZES- KI, ATTAINED THE DEAN'S LIST THIS YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASS.

THOUGH RAIN THREATENED AND IT WAS QUITE COLD, THE PUPILS OF TYRINGHAM SCHOOL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A TRULY PEERLESS AND PAT- RIOTIC TEACHER, MRS. WELCH, PUT ON THEIR USUAL FINE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE ON THE STEPS OF THE TOWN HALL. MAJOR GENERAL MILES REBER GAVE A VERY FINE ADDRESS AND THE LEE HIGH BAND ITS USUAL SUPERIOR CONCERT.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, PHILOSOPHIZING, HAS COME UP WITH THE IDEA THAT THE CHURCH AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE KINDRED SPIRITS -- BOTH FIGHT FIRES -- THE CHURCH, THE FIRES OF HELL AND THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUILDING AND GRASS OR FOREST FIRES.

AND WE CAN ALL BE MIGHTY PROUD OF THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FEEL QUITE SECURE. ONE MORNING RECENTLY A FIRE SUDDENLY BROKE OUT IN THE HOME OF THE PETER CURTINS. THE ALARM WAS SOUNDED AND, IN NO TIME FLAT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ON THE SPOT AND HAD THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL. THE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE REAR OF THE HOUSE AND THE TOP FLOOR. THE LEE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED BUT TYRINGHAM'S MEN HAD CONQUERED THE BLAZE BY THE TIME LEE ARRIVED, THOUGH THEIR DEPARTMENT ALSO WAS VERY PROMPT. WE HAVE TWO COMMENTS TO MAKE -- THERE IS A YOUNG HERO IN THE PETER CURTIN FAMILY AND HIS NAME IS JAMES. HE IS ONLY FIVE YEARS OLD BUT WHEN THE FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE ROOM WHERE HE WAS WATCHING TV, HE THOUGHT RIGHT OFF OF HIS BABY BROTHER, MAT- THEW, AND GRABBED HIM UP AND CARRIED HIM TO SAFETY, CALLING TO HIS MOTHER, DEANNA, WHO WAS UPSTAIRS. SECONDLY, THROUGH THE FORESIGHT OF PETER CURTIN IN USING FIRE-RESISTANT MATERIALS IN RENOVATING THE HOUSE WHEN THE FAMILY MOVED IN, THE FIRE DID NOT SPREAD AS FAST AS IT MIGHT HAVE.

CARL LEROY CURTIN, WHOM YOU ALL KNOW AS THE SON OF CARL AND MARY CURTIN, WAS MARRIED RECENTLY TO MISS CHRISTINE FRANCES MENIN OF LEE, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS MRIO G. MENIN. EUGENE CURTIN, CARL'S BROTHER, WAS BEST MAN AND EDWARD FENNELLY OF TYRINGHAM WAS ONE OF THE USHERS.

WE BID WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS TO TYRINGHAM MR. TOM COLEY WHO HAS BUILT A LOGCABIN ON LOST FARM; THE HAHNS WHO HAVE BOUGHT TAMARACK, THE FORMER HOLLOWAY PLACE; THE THOBERS OF DOBBS FERRY, WHO ARE RENOVATING THE HISCOX HOUSE; THE VREELANDS IN THE GILMORE HOUSE; AND THE BILLINGS OF LARCHMONT WHO ARE BUILDING A CABIN ON BRADEN HILL. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT A HOUSE NEXT TO WARD MCCARTHY'S IS FOR SALE SO STILL MORE NEWCOMERS ARE FLITTING TO TYRINGHAM!

THANKS TO THE THOUGHTFULNESS AND GENEROSITY OF MRS. SAMUEL GOLDWYN, MRS. ROBERT LITTELL AND WALTER HOWARD AND FAMILY, THE CEMETERY NOW HAS RUNNING WATER. HARRY LORING PUT IN THE SYSTEM, WHICH PUMPS WATER FROM THE PARSONAGE ARTESIAN WELL TO A FAUCET IN THE CEMETERY AND WE ARE PRETTY PROUD OF HARRY BECAUSE HE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB FOR FAR LESS THAN THREE CONTRACTORS WANTED TO CHARGE. ALL OF WHICH GOES TO SHOW THAT HOMETOWN TALENT IS BEST TO USE FOR GOOD WORK AND FAIR PRICES! IN BEHALF OF TYRINGHAM, WE TAKE IT UPON OURSELVES TO THANK THE DONORS FOR THIS MOST HELPFUL GIFT TO THE CEMETERY.

YE EDITOR VISITED THE SCHOOL TOTHER DAY AND WAS PRESENTED WITH A COPY OF TYRINGHAM TIMES, THE FIRST ISSUE OF A SCHOOL PAPER AND A FINE ONE IT IS. AMONG OTHER NEWS ITEMS OF SCHOOL INTEREST WE FOUND THIS --"MRS. WELCH IS GOING TO FLY TO KANSAS CITY, MO. (AND IS SCARED TO DEATH!)" MRS. WELCH TOLD US THAT DAWN CERNIK , FOR THE SCHOOL, PRESENTED CLASS PINS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS AND DAVID CURTIN PRESENTED PAUL ADAMS A PAST PRESIDENT'S PIN AS HE RETIRES FROM THAT OFFICE IN THE "TYRINGHAM 59ERS CLUB," THE SCHOOL CLUB. AND WE MUST REPEAT ONE JINGLE WHICH WENT "HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WLL, HUMPTY DUMPTY HAD A GREAT FALL. ALL THE KING'S HORSES AND ALL THE KING'S MEN, HAD EGGS SALAD FOR DINNER AGAIN!" TYRINGHAM TOPICS BOWS HUMBLY TO TYRINGHAM TIMES AND BIDS IT WELCOME TO JOURNALISTIC TYRINGHAM CIRCLES.

HOW ARE OUR MEN-FOLKS IN OUR ARMED FORCES DOING? HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ALL BUT WE DO KNOW THAT BRUCE LOGAN, SP5 US ARMY IS HOME FROM VIET NAM, HALE AND HEART AND AFTER A 30 DAY LEAVE AT HOME WITH HIS FOLKS, ROGER AND RUTH LOGAN, HE IS NOW AT CHEMICAL WARFARE SCHOOL AT FORT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA. DENNIS CURTIN HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO LANCE CORPORAL IN THE MARINES AND IS AT CAMP LEJEUNE. SID VANORMAN, NOW IN CALIFORNIA WITH THE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO TECH SGT. AND DUD VANORMAN OR THE AIR FORCE IS ON LEAVE AND HE IS ON HIS WAY FOR DUTY IN SPAIN, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER TO JOIN HIM THERE LATER.

WILLIS HALE HAS AGAIN BEEN RE-ELECTED AS CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPT. ASST. CHIEFS ARE STETSON ADAMS, GEORGE HALE AND NEIL CURTIN. ELECTED SECRETARY WAS ALLAN GARNER AND KENNETH JONES IS TREASURER. LUCYAN KRASZESKI IS CHM OF HOUSE COMMITTEE. THE SELECTMEN HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS: CHIEF OF POLICE, HENNING CARLSON; CHM OF BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; ROBERT CLARK; SUPT OF HIGHWAYS, FRED LORING; CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR, ROGER LOGAN; DOG OFFICER, PETER CURTIN; BOARD OF REGISTRARS, LARRY CERNIK.

HENNING CARLSON HAS BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ANTI-POVERTY GROUP OF SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE.

BENJAMIN LORING OF OTIS, SON OF MR & MRS CHARLES LORING, SR. FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, HAS ENLISTED IN THE AIR CORPS AND IS RECEIVING BASIC TRAINING. HE IS THE FOURTH SON TO SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF HIS COUNTRY AND IT'S KINDA GOOD TO KNOW SUCH A PATRIOTIC FAMILY IN THESE DAYS OF DRAFT-CARD BURNERS.

THE TYRINGHAM RED CROSS DRIVE FOR FUNDS YIELDED $325. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MRS. JOHN CURTIN.

WE DO NOT USUALLY ADD POETRY TO OUR LETTER, DUE TO LACK OF ROOM BUT THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTE TO A VERY BELOVED LATE TYRINGHAMITE DESERVES A PLACE THIS MONTH. THE TYRINGHAM VERSIFIER WHO WROTE IT REQUESTS ANONYMITY:-

TO MISS BEULAH CANNON
(A TRIBUTE)

SHE HAD THOSE CERTAIN QUALITIES
WE THINK OF AS "NEW ENGLAND"....
IMPATIENT OF FRIVOLITIES,
BUT READY WITH A HELPING HAND;
AND TIRELESS IN HER WISH TO PLEASE
THOSE WHOM SHE SERVED. SHE HAD A LOVE
OF HONESTY, PLAIN-SPEAKING; OF
INDUSTRY, AND GOOD OLD-FASHIONED THRIFT;
A QUITE INCOMPARABLE GIFT
OF LAUGHING AT HERSELF; MORE THAN A BIT
OF DOWN-TO-EARTH NEW ENGLAND WIT;
AND NEVER ONCE FROM PURPOSE SWERVED
HER LOYALTY TO THOSE SHE SERVED.
UNSTINTING, WHILE THE LONG YEARS PASSED,
HER OWN SELF-INTERESTS CAME LAST.

L'ENVOI

WHAT ELSE IS LEFT FOR ME TO TELL,
EXCEPT, DEAR FRIEND, FAREWELL . . . . FAREWELL.

(NOTE:- MISS BEULAH DIED FEBRUARY 17TH OF THIS YEAR AT THE AGE OF 88.)

AND NOW, GOOD FRIENDS, THAT'S ALL FOR THIS TIME. HAVE A GRAND SUMMER.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,
F.L.C.

Boy Judy Reber

SPRING SCENE - HARRY LORING AND ROGER LOGAN BOILING DOWN SAP FOR MAPLE SYRUP.
(IT TAKES 32 GALLONS OF SAP TO MAKE 1 OF MAPLE SYRUP.)

MRS STETSON ADAMS AND HELPERS ONE OF SEVERAL VALLEY CLUB TEAMS CLEAR THE ROADS OF TYRINGHAM; OF UNSIGHTLY BEERCANS ETC.

GEORGE AND JEAN AND DAVID HALE LIVE HERE IN THEIR NEWLY BUILT HOME.

AND TOM COLEY, ACTOR AND FRIEND OF WILLIAM ROERICK HAS BUILT THIS LOG CABIN ON LOST FARM.

MRS EMILY WELCH AND THE PUPILS OF TYRINGHAM SCHOOL DURING THE 1965-1966 YEAR.

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL'S GRADUATING CLASS OF 1966 - SUSAN SLATER DAVID CURTIN AND PAUL ADAMS

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AUTUMN LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

W-H-O-O-O-S-H! THERE GOES SUMMER AND IT SURELY DID GO BY FAST! BUT IT WAS A GOOD SUMMER WITH LOTS OF SUNSHINE. AND NOW IT'S TIME TO BRING YOU ALL UP-TO-DATE WITH THE NEWS ABOUT TYRINGHAM, EVEN IF SOME OF YOU HAVE HELPED MAKE THAT NEWS OR ALREADY KNOW IT.

FIRST AS TO THE NEW ARRIVALS EITHER TO TYRINGHAM FOLKS OR FORMER TYRINGHAMITES. A SON, PETER JAY DUBOIS, ARRIVED TO GRACE THE HOME OF DOCTOR AND MRS. JOHN JAY DUBOIS, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, NOW OF PORT CHESTER, N.Y. ON JULY 21ST A DAUGHTER WAS BORN TO TERRY AND MARILYN CURTIN. BETH ANN CURTIN IS THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS JOHN CURTIN AND A GREAT-GRAND-DAUGHTER OF MRS. PERCY STANTON OF TYRINGHAM. THE TERRY CURTINS RESIDE IN LENOXDALE. ON AUGUST 2ND A SON, TIMOTHY CAME TO LIVE WITH MR & MRS TIMOTHY STANTON OF LENOXDALE. THIS YOUNG MAN IS A GRANDSON OF PERRIN STANTON OF TYRINGHAM AND MR & MRS HOWARD BLAKE OF LEE, A GREAT-GRANDSON OF MRS. PERCY STANTON OF TYRINGHAM. FINALLY, AS WE WRITE THIS, A DAUGHTER, CATHY ANNE HAYNE, ARRIVED TO LOOK AFTER ARNOLD AND SANDRA (MCKENZIE) HAYNE OF TYRINGHAM AND MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. (WE SAY "AS WE WRITE THIS" BECAUSE MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, IS EXPECTING --- TO ANNOUNCE ANOTHER BIRTH SHORTLY!)

ON CHILDREN'S DAY THE FOLLOWING WERE BAPTIZED:- RANDY JAY CERNIK, SON OF MR & MRS LARRY CERNIK OF TYRINGHAM; KIMBERLY ANN TWING, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS EDWIN TWING OF GLENDALE AND MICHAEL CHARLES WINTERS SON OF MR & MRS KENNETH WINTERS OF OTIS. THEN ON JULY 17TH WE BAPTIZED TERESA GAYE BUTLER, DAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS. CARL BUTLER OF PINE PLAINS, N.Y. (MRS. BUTLER WAS THE FORMER DIANE BIRKETT, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS. RICHARD BIRKETT OF TYRINGHAM.) ON AUGUST 21ST, WALTER C. ALWARD, JR, SON OF MR & MRS. ALWARD OF TYRINGHAM WAS BAPTIZED. (MRS. ALWARD WAS THE FORMER ROSA LORING, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS CHARLES LORING, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, NOW OF OTIS. AND ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, MR & MRS ARNOLD HAYNE BROUGHT THEIR DAUGHTER, CATHY ANNE TO BE BAPTIZED.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO MR & MRS. DONALD DAVIS OF TYRINGHAM GALLERIES ON THE ANNIVERSARY (IN JULY) OF THEIR SILVER WEDDING!

THE ANNUAL SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, THE 18TH OF SEPTEMBER. WE PRAY AND WE HOPE THAT THIS SOLICITATION BOTH BY VISITS AND BY LETTER WILL RECEIVE A WARM RESPONSE ON EVERY HAND IN ORDER THAT UNION CHURCH MAY CONTINUE ITS SERVICE TO GOD AND HIS PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND WHEREVER CALLED UPON TO SERVE HIM. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE SOLICITATION IS COMPOSED OF MISS ALICE HALE, ALLAN GARNER AND RUSSELL LORING.

THE WRITER OF THIS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, NEVER MENTIONS HIMSELF IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED. BUT THIS TIME AN EXCEPTION MUST BE MADE IN ORDER TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP APPRECIATION AND THANKFULNESS FOR THE MANY EVIDENCES OF CONCERN AND CARE AND LOVE WHICH WERE SHOWN DURING HIS RECENT HOSPITALIZATION AND CONVALESCENCE. HE FEELS VERY HAPPY, YET HUMBLE, UPON RECEIVING A FLOOD OF CARDS, MANY VISTORS, FLOWERS GALORE, FRUIT BASKETS, BOOKS, LETTERS AND INNUMERABLE INQUIRIES AS TO HIS PROGRESS. THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH.

BUT, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WE MUST TELL YOU ABOUT OUR OPERATION FOR IT HAS A SORT OF INTERESTING ANGLE. A GREAT FRIEND OF OURS, THE REVEREND FRANK CROOK, OF NORTH EGREMONT, SUBSTITUTING IN DALTON IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THERE, TOLD THAT I WAS DOING WELL AFTER AN "INTERNATIONAL-ECUMENICAL OPERATION." AND SO IT WAS FOR THE SURGEON WAS AN AMERICAN AND HE WAS ASSISTED BY A DOCTOR FROM THE PHILIPPINES, ANOTHER DOCTOR FROM PERSIA AND ANOTHER FROM INDIA. THERE WERE PRESENT IN THE OPERATING ROOM, DOCTORS AND NURSES OF VARIOUS FAITHS - CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, JEWISH AND BUDDHIST. ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THIS UNTIL AFTERWARDS AS I APPRENTLY SLEPT THROUGH IT ALL, YET THAT WAS JUST THE WAY I WOULD HAVE HAD IT. I THINK ALL PEOPLE ARE WONDERFUL.

BUT MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, HAD A GALLING EXPERIENCE, TOO. SHE HAD GOTTEN IN SOMEHOW AND WAS ON A CHAIR BE MY BEDSIDE WHEN I HEARD A NURSE COMING. I QUICKLY GRABBED A SMALL TOWEL AND THREW OVER HER. THE NURSE CAME AND SAW THIS OBJECT ON THE CHAIR AND EXCLAIMED, "WHO LEFT THAT THERE LIKE THAT!" AND SHE GRABBED THE "OBJECT" UP AND MYRTLE NIPPED HER FINGER. THE POOR NURSE GAVE A YELL AND RUSHED OUT OF THE ROOM AND MYRTLE PEEKED OUT AT ME AND WINKED AND SAID, "THAT DIDN'T PAN OUT AS SHE THOUGHT DID IT!" BUT ENOUGH OF US -- LET'S TO THE REST OF THE NEWS WE HAVE FOR YOU.

ON JULY 19TH, TYRINGHAM HAD ANOTHER FIRE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN VERY DISASTROUS IF IT WEREN'T FOR A TYRINGHAM YOUNG MAN USING HIS HEAD AND INVESTIGATING SMOKE HE SAW ARISING ACROSS THE VALLEY AND THE SUPERB ACTION OF THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT. EDDIE FENNELLY, FROM HIS YARD OVER ON FERNSIDE, SPOTTED WISPS OF SMOKE ACROSS THE VALLEY, APPARENTLY ON WEBSTER ROAD. HE GOT IN HIS CAR AND DROVE OVER, FOUND THE FORMER ASTOR HOUSE, NOW OCCUPIED BY MR & MRS. LOUIS WEITZMAN, WHO WERE AWAY AT THE TIME. THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER CHIEF HALE WAS THERE IN NO TIME FLAT. LIKE THE FINE TYRINGHAM CITIZEN AND GOOD NEIGHBOR HE IS PROVING TO BE, MR. JEFFREY POTTER OF SOUTH HOUSE, ON FERNSIDE AIDED THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT GREATLY WITH A PUMPER HE OWNS, WHICH PUMPED WATER FROM A POND ON WEBSTER ROAD. WATER FROM THE SWIMMING POOL ON THE ESTATE WAS ALSO USED.

THE FIRE DESTROYED THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE HOUSE DOING ROUGHLY ABOUT $14,000. DAMAGE, COVERED BY INSURANCE. THE LEE FIRE DEPT. ASSISTED THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS.

THE HOUSE WAS THE FORMER HOME OF THE MARSHALL FAMILY, THEN OF MRS. VINCENT ASTOR, THE WIDOW OF MR MARSALL BEFORE HER MARRIAGE TO MR. ASTOR. NEXT IT WAS OCCUPIED BY THE DI LORENZO FAMILY, THEN THE WEITZMANS.

MAY WE REMIND YOU ALL THAT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE, WILL APPEAR AGAIN IN OUR NEXT ISSUE. IT WILL CONTAIN THE USUAL JOINT GREETING AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE, FOLLOWED BY THE NAMES OF ALL THE FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO EXTEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL THOSE WHO READ TYRINGHAM TOPICS. IT GOES TO ALL PRESENT AND PAST TYRINGHAMITES OF WHOM WE KNOW AND TO OUR BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES. (CLOSE TO 700 INDIVIDUALS) WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR NAMES APPEAR ON THIS SPECIAL GREETING PAGE WITH $1.00 PER INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY NAME. PLEASE WRITE IT THE WAY YOU DESIRE IT TO APPEAR. THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS PAGE ENABLE US TO GIVE YOU PICTURES IN EACH ISSUE. THE PAGE WILL BE IN CHRISTMAS COLORS AND YOUR JOINT GREETING WILL BE JUST AS SINCRRE AS THOSE CONTAINED ON ANY CHRISTMAS CARD, THUS SAVING YOU MUCH IN COST OF CARDS, POSTAGE AND TIME IN WRITING.
WE URGE YOU TO SEND US YOUR GREETING NAMES BY DECEMBER 4TH.

MAJOR GENERAL MILES REBER HAS BEEN APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL DEFENSE EMERGENCY RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND ALSO TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY RED CROSS.

MISS MARGARET CLAPP, FORMER PRESIDENT OF WELLESLEY COLLEGE HAS LEFT TO BECOME HEAD OF LADY DOAK COLLEGE IN MANDURAI, INDIA, THAT HAS 600 STUDENTS, 40% OF WHOM ARE CHRISTIANS, THE REST HINDUS OR MUSLIMS. OUR PRAYERS GO WITH HER AS SHE TAKES UP THIS GREAT WORK WHICH OUR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SHARES WITH OTHER CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.

WE HELD OUR USUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, SMOGASBORD AND CHICKEN BARBECUE THIS PAST SUMMER AND OUR FINAL FEAST, THE ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER OF TURKEY AND ALL THE FIXIN'S IS DUE IN OCTOBER.

MR & MRS JEFFREY POTTER ENTERTAINED OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AROUND THEIR SWIMMING POOL ON SUNDAY THE 14TH OF AUGUST, AN AFFAIR THAT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY OUR CHURCH AND OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD A TREMENDOUS TURNOUT FOR THEIR OUTDOOR CHICKEN BARBECUE AT THE HOWARD FARM SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH.

ARTHUR DYER, SON OF MR & MRS WILLIAM DYER OF DALTON, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, HAS TAKEN A POSITION WITH SPRAGUE ELECTRIC IN NORTH ADAMS AND HE HAS ALSO ENLISTED IN THE ARMY RESERVES.

GERALD CLARK, SON OF MR & MRS WILBUR CLARK, JR HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO STAFF SERGEANT AND IS NOW BACK IN KOREA, WHERE HE ONCE SERVED OVERSEAS. HE HAS SPENT, DURING HIS ARMY CAREER, 13 MONTHS IN KOREA AND 3 YEARS IN GERMANY. TECH. SERGEANT DOUGLAS MCCARTHY, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, IS NOW SERVING WITH THE AIR CORPS IN TEXAS, HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM BERMUDA. BENJAMIN LORING, A/3RD CLASS HAS FINISHED HIS BASIC AND IS STATIONED AT WESTOVER FIELD. DENNIS CURTIN, PFC US MARINES IS OVER IN AFRICA FOR MANEUVERS. AND DUDLEY VANORMAN, TECH SGT IN THE AIR FORCE IS IN SPAIN. TOMMY FENNELLY IS WITH THE MEDICAL CORPS IN GERMANY. THESE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS OF CHANGE OF STATUS WE HAVE OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE. (TOMMY IS A PFC)

THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY FAIR AND RUMMAGE SALE HELD AUGUST 3RD WAS A VERY GREAT SUCCESS, CLEARING OVER $500.

WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT A MR & MRS RAMBUSCH FROM NEW YORK CITY HAVE PURCHASED THE EVERETT HALE HOUSE, JUST FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY GEORGE, JEAN AND DAVID HALE. NO OTHER CHANGES IN HOMES THAT WE KNOW OF, THE HOUSE WE MENTIONED LAST JUNE AS A NEIGHBOR TO WARD MCCARTHY, AND OWNED BY CHARLES SLATER IS UNFINISHED. SEE OUR PICTURE PAGE FOR FURTHER NEWS.

IF YOU WANT TO PURCHASE A "HINTERLAND SETTLEMENT", THE HISTORY OF TYRINGHAM, THE PRICE IS $4.00 AND MRS. ISABEL STANTON HAS THEM. PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM, F.L.C.

TYRINGHAM'S SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CHAIRMAN OF ASSESSORS, PARLIAMENTARIAN, OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN AND FIREMAN -- ALSO BARBECUED CHICKEN DISPENSER!

GUESS WHO?

COWBOY AND FARMER OF TYRINGHAM VALLEY ---- DANNY SLATER , NEVER COWED BY THE SIZE OF THE HERD.

ONE OF MANY TABLES, FILLED AND REFILLED, AT HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN BARBECUE OF TYRINGHAM'S FIREMEN.

ON LEFT:- THE NEW SUMMER HOME OF WALTER LITTELL AND FAMILY ON JERUSALEM ROAD.

A POSTSCRIPT TO NEWSLETTER

DENNIS WHALEN, SON OF MR AND MRS JOSEPH WHALEN HAS ENLISTED IN THE ARMY. NO PARTICULAR NEWS ITEMS FOR NOW REGARDING BRUCE LOGAN (ARMY), SHAUN SMITH (NAVY) AND SID VANORMAN (AIR FORCE). OUR DECEMBER LETTER WILL GIVE YOU THE ADDRESSES OF ALL OUR SERVICE MEN.

Christmas 1966

Season's Greetings

We, whose names appear below, wish for all of you and for each other, that the blessings of God's Light may be your constant guide. "May a star lead you, the wind be at your back, the road rise to meet you and God hold you in the hollow of His hand!" And may the Joy and the Peace of Christmas be with you throughout the coming year.

Mr. & Mrs. Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma Alsop
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Alward & Son
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett & Martha
Mr. & Mrs. Norbert A. Bogdan
The Jeff Brown Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Brundige, Billie & Leslie
Mr. & Mrs. Denton Butler & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Butler & Jesse Pierce
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cabral & Family
Caroline Canon
Mrs. Clifford Canon
Mr. & Mrs. John N. Canon & Jenifer
Lawrence Carton
Henning & Carolyn Carlson
Joyce & Henning Carlson & Michael
The 7 Cerniks
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Choquette & Robert
S/Sgt. & Mrs. Gerald Clark
Robert, Pat, Wilbur Clark, Bobby & Robin
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Clark Jr. & Family,
Thomas Coley
Rev. (Cap) & Mrs. Franklin L. Couch
Mr. & Mrs. Carl L. Curtin
Corp. & Mrs. Dennis F. Curtin & Denuis, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Neil Curtin & Family
John & Davena Curtin
Jim & Kathy Curtin, Denise & Katy
Mr. & Mrs. Peter L. Curtin & Sons
Terry & Marilyn Curtin, Terry, Jr., Kelly & Beth
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Curtin
Ann & Don Davis & Sons
The deSousas
Mr. Everill Downs
Mr. & Mrs. William Dyer & Arthur
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Eddy & Family
James & Beverly Elsensohn
Mr. & Mrs. James Fawcett, John & Donald
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fennelly & Adam
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Fennelly & Family
Pvt. Thomas Fennelly
Mr. & Mrs. Gaisford & John
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Garner & Family
William and Marian Gelsleichter
Miss Rosamond Gilder
Mrs. Arthur Gilmore
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hale & Family
George, Jean & David Hale
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Hayne & Cathy Anne
Mr. & Mrs. Ashwell Heath & Family
Cortland & Anna Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Heath
Mrs. Louise Hiscox
Mary Sheldon Jarrett
Mr. Charles F. Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jones & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Knickerbocker
Lucyan & Lois Kraszeski & Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Leipzig
Anita Littell
The Blaine Littell Family
Philip Littell
The Walter Littell Family
Sue & Bob Lloyd & Family
Roger, Ruth & Sgt. Bruce Logan
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Loring, Sr., Russ, Bennie & Joe
Mr. & Mrs. Fred A. Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Loring
Tunk, Dede Loring, Rhonda, Elaine & Charles, 3rd
Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. McCarthy
M/Sgt & Mrs. Douglas McCarthy, Debbie & Susan
Mr. Ward McCarthy
Carey & Nadia McIntosh
Dick & Mimi McIntosh
James McIntosh
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
Jouathan, Samuel, Chris & Anne Moffett
Mrs. Marie Moore
Myrtle, the Turtle
Mrs. Francesca Gilder Palmer
Mr. & Mrs. Gilder Palmer & Family
Mr. & Mrs. George Pickin
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pieree & Family
Mrs. Mary Pike
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pothul & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Potter & Family
Major General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Samuel Reber
William Roerick
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas D. Rose
Mr. & Mrs. John Rudd
Beverly Sanders, Debbie, Dickie, Judy & Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Schots
Gladys Sheldon
Charles & Elizabeth Slater & Family
Grace B. Slater
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Smith & Shann
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Soules & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Spoerl
Timmy & Louise Stanton & Sons
Mrs. Percy Stanton & Perrin
Mrs. Janice Stedman & June
Frank & Frances Straenzzi
Sunset Farm Folks
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Thober
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Twing
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Twing & Nancy Ann
Mrs. Mae VanDensen
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon VanOrman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Weitzman
Mrs. Emily Welch
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Whalen & Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Winters

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WINTER ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

IT'S GOOD TO BE TALKING WITH YOU AGAIN, IF ONLY ON PAPER. WE HAD A FINE SUMMER, A MILD FALL AND SO FAR, AS WE WRITE THIS, A CONTINUATION OF FALL WEATHER. WITH THIS LETTER GOES OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE AND WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT IT CONTAINS 30 MORE NAMES THAN LAST YEAR'S FOR A TOTAL OF 115. NOT ONLY DOES IT EXEMPLIFY THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OF ALL WHOSE NAMES APPEAR HERE (THOUGH WE KNOW OTHERS HAVE THAT SPIRIT ALSO) BUT THE INCOME FROM THIS PAGE ENABLES US TO GIVE YOU PICTURES OF TYRINGHAM AND, AS THE CHINESE SAY, "ONE PICTURE IS WORTH 10,000 WORDS." WE WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE HERE THE "GATHERING IN OF LOCAL GREETINGS BY DAVENA CURTIN AND IRMA CLARK, TO WHOM WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

DUE TO CHRISTMAS DAY THIS YEAR COMING ON SUNDAY, UNION CHURCH WILL OBSERVE IT BY HOLDING OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN THE EVENING AT 7.30. THERE WILL BE NO MORNING SERVICE. WE HOPE THE CHURCH WILL BE FILLED FOR THIS HAPPY CEREMONY.

THE REGULAR MORNING SERVICE AT 11.00 AM WILL BE HELD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 1967 WITH HOLY COMMUNION -- A GOOD WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR.

IT IS ALWAYS NICE TO ANNOUNCE BRAND NEW YOUNG CITIZENS OF TYRINGHAM, YEAR-'ROUND OR SUMMER AND WE HAVE FOUR TO TELL YOU ABOUT. ON JULY 7TH, 1966 THERE ARRIVED IN THIS WORLD, SAMUEL HOOPER MOFFETT, WHO IS RESIDING WITH HIS PARENTS, CHRISTOPHER AND ANNE DORT MOFFETT IN BOSTON. ON OCTOBER 29TH, DONALD NATHAN FAWCETT CAME TO LIVE WITH JAMES AND EUGENIE (RUDD) FAWCETT ON FERNSIDE. HE IS THE GRANDSON OF MR & MRS. JOHN RUDD. LEST BOYS RUN AWAY WITH THE HONORS, NANCY ANNE TWING CAME ON NOVEMBER 18TH TO GERALD AND "TONI" MARIE DOUCETTE TWING, THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS EDWIN TWING, SR OF TYRINGHAM AND MR & MRS DOUCETTE OF PITTSFIELD. THEN THE GIRLS SCORED AGAIN BY THE ARIVAL OF MARJORIE AURELIA SLATER ON NOVEMBER 20TH, AND SHE HAS COME TO LIVE WITH CHARLES AND ELIZABETH SLATER.

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1966 MISS MARIE BUFFONI, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS RAYMOND BUFFONI OF BIRCH STREET, LEE WAS MARRIED IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN LEE TO JOHN GREW CANON, SON OF MR & MRS. JOHN N. CANON OF TYRINGHAM. MISS JENIFER CANON, JOHN'S SISTER, WAS ONE OF THE BRIDESMAIDS. (NOPE, WE AREN'T GOING TO DESCRIBE THE BRIDE'S GOWN AND HAT BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE WORDS MEAN.)

We are sorry to tell you of two deaths --- Mrs. Robert Dort of Boston and Tyringham, mother of Mrs. Moffett, died in Boston on September 30th. Her burial was in Tyringham Cemetery. She was a devoted friend ans Summer resident of Tyringham for many years. Another good friend, who visited Tyringham for many summers; Miss Elizabeth Hiscox of St. Petersburg, Florida, died in that city, October 5th. She was the sister-in-law of Mrs. Louise Hiscox, whom we all know so well and miss so much.

Those of you wintering in your homes elsewhere, are doubtless interested in what Tyringham did in the recent election. As usual it gave the great majority of its votes to the Republican candidates and it voted for the Sales Tax very wisely. Myrtle, the Turtle says not to tell the overwhelming vote the Republicans got because that wouldn't be kind to our good Democratic friends. So we wont say any more about that.

It has been suggested that some of you, at least, like to save your copies of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, for future reference and for historical purposes. We are happy to know that from time to time these letters are referred to find out when certain events took place. So we are getting ready to supply those who wish them with loose-leaf binders with an appropriate cover designed by our staff artist, Mrs. Frances Darey. Let us know if youRe interested. We don't know the price yet but it will not be very much, we assure you.

The Thobers in the former Hiscox house and the Rambusches in the former Everett Hale house are making extensive changes inside and outside of their recently acquired homes.

Well, Don & Mary Hale went on a bear hunt in Vermont with Mr. Worden of Goose Pond suburbs of Tyringham. Mr. Worden got a good-sized bear! But we can't bear to tell you what Mary & Don didn't get! (However, Mary and her daughter, Christine, each got a deer during deer week)

The Hop Brook Community Club has given two more tables to the Church, making a total of five. Another has been given by an unknown donor and The Valley Club is also giving one. Somehow we hope to have three more by the time our Suppers start next Spring.

Myrtle, the Turtle, got quite indignant last week. She was all worked up because she thought the Selectmen had put up a parking meter in front of the Town Hall. Well, the poor Selectmen may get blamed for some things they shouldn't, but the aprking meter Myrtle saw was a public telephone with a little hood over it.

Major General Miles Reber was recently elected President of Berkshire Council, Boy Scouts of America. Things will boom now, we are sure.

Frederick R. Loring, son of Mr & Mrs Fred Loring, a former Tyringham lad himself, now living in Greenfield, has become Division Manager of "Peoples Natural Gas Company with Headquarters in Florence, Mass. He was formerly a Division Mgr of the Berkshire Gas Company in Greenfield. Mrs. Loring was the former Mary Elizabeth Jakeman of Capetown, South Africa. Mr & Mrs Loring have three children. Some of you well remember that Fred used to play the organ and sing in the Union Church choir as a young man.

Dr. Gulielma Fell Alsop has presented to the Library a set of books entitled "Wonderful World of Disneyland" for particular use of Tyringham School children. She also sponsored a lecture recently by Mr. Alvah Sandborn of Pleasant Valley Sanctuary in Lenox. Mr Sandborn showed some beautiful color slides of wild life in the Berkshires.

Some people -- and don't we all?-- become confused sometimes over the subject of protocol and who gets greeted first or sits where. Mrs. Percy Stanton was that way one Sunday morning last Summer when, going out the door she was confronted by Lord Arthur Salter conversing with the minister. She started to shake hands with one, then with the other but got through somehow. Later she confessed she was all bewildered as ~~to~~ whose hand to shake first --that of the Lord's or the Minister's!!!

Mrs. Edward H. Choquette of Lee (Eddie was a Tyringham boy) flew to Germany last Summer to visit her parents Herr und Frau Kurt Wolf in Aschaffenburg. Her little daughter went with her. They were gone for two months.

A recent meeting of the Lee YMCA and interested people of Lee was held at Oak and Spruce to report progress and plans. Water attended as the guests of the organization. They received their charand, thanks to Mrs. Garfield Canon's suggestion, Tyringham youngsters will be able to share in some of the Y's activities. More on that later. Mrs. Canon's husband Garfield, was formerly from Tyringham and is the brother of Norton and Caroline Canon.

The Christmas Fair and Food Sale of the Hop Brook Club yielded $184.05.

News from Tyringham School's '59ers' Club tells us that the following officers were elected for the current school year:- President, David Garner; Vice-Pres.,Daniel Slater; Secretary, Brenda VanOrman and Treasurer,Dawn Cernik. The Club has elected Dr. Alsop and Mrs. Brunell as Honorary Members.. Welcomed to the First Grade were:- Everett Fennelly,Jr, Kerry Clark, John deSousa, Glenn VanOrman and Rickey Loring and automatically they become members of the '59ers.
The Club has chosen to build bird feeders for its project this year and Dr. Alsop is giving a prize for the best feeder.

The Valley Club sponsored the Halloween "Trick or Treat for Unicef this year and $40. was raised and forwarded to the United Nations Committee for Unicef, (The United States Committee)

Pompey, the Pole-Cat has apparently abandoned his apartment in the Parsonage cellar and moved down the street to the Cerniks. He got married early this year and the marriage made scents.

We are happy to report to you all that Carl Curtin, Tyringham Postmaster, genial store-keeper, good friend and distinguished Democrat (!!!) who was critically ill in Boston a few weeks ago, is now at Pittsfield General Hospital greatly improved and steadily recovering. His devoted wife and sons are carrying on the store in his absence.

GEORGE PICKEN OF TYRINGHAM, RECENTLY HAD AN EXHIBIT OF HIS PAINTINGS IN THE KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE. THEY WERE MUCH ADMIRED BY A CRITIC.

WALTER DEKAY PALMER OF FOUR BROOKS FARM, TYRINGHAM AND NEW YORK CITY HAS BEEN ELECTED SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IN NEW YORK. HE IS THE SON OF MRS. FRANCESCA GILDER PALMER AND THE LATE DR. WALTER W. PALMER.

AS THIS IS BEING WRITTEN ONLY TWO DAYS MORE REMAIN OF DEER WEEK AND MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, IS GREATLY RELIEVED. SHE HAS BEEN LYING LOW FOR FEAR SOME CRAZY HUNTER MIGHT TAKE HER FOR A DEER.

AND, SPEAKING OF DEER WEEK, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY HUNTERS OUT, MANY DEER KILLED, QUITE A NUMBER GOING TO TYRINGHAM OR FORMER TYRINGHAM PEOPLE. DEER KILLED TO DATE BY TYRINGHAMITES, SO FAR AS WE KNOW, WERE FELLED BY BOBBY CHOQUETTE, LARRY CERNIK, BETTY CERNIK, RICHARD CERNIK, CORTLAND HEATH, RONALD SANTONASTAS AND HIS WIFE, JOAN (HALE) SANTONASTAS, MARY HALE, CHRISTINE HALE, HARVEY CHOQUETTE, EDWIN TWING (STOCKBRIDGE), ALICE HALE, ROGER LOGAN AND MICHAEL WINTERS. GORDON VANORMAN & THOMAS CURTIN EACH GOT A DEER IN VERMONT.

SINCE OUR LAST NEWS LETTER, THE VALLEY CLUB HAS ELECTED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: PRESIDENT, PAT CLARK; VICE-PRES. MYRTLE, THE TURTEE, SECRETARY, BARBARA ADAMS; TREASURER, MARY GARNER.

WE CLOSE THIS CHRISTMAS & WINTER ISSUE OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS, WITH A SALUTE TO ALL TYRINGHAM YOUNG MEN IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY.
S/SGT GERALD CLARK (RA11368643) HQ A CO 702 MM BN, APO SANFRANCISCO 96224. (KOREA) GERRY EXPECTS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS IN CAL WITH HIS WIFE.
COPPORAL DENNIS CURTIN, US MARINES, EN ROUTE TO CAMP LEJEUNE FROM SIX MONTHS IN SPAIN, ITALY AND AFRICA. HEADED FOR VIET NAM. WILL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, WITH WIFE & SON.
PFC THOMAS FENNELLY, (US551535605) 5TH SURGICAL HOSP. (MA) APO NYC 09102 (GERMANY)
SP/5 BRUCE LOGAN, (RA11369536) FIELD SUPPORT COMPANY, FORT MCCLELLAN. ALABAMA.
A/3C. BENJAMIN LORING (AF 12741851) BOX 496, WESTOVER AFB, MASS. EXPECTED HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
M/SGT. C. DOUGLAS MCCARTHY, 26A CHILDRESS, SHEPPARD AFB, TEXAS 76311
JOAN SHAUN SMITH, USN, USS CONSTELLATION. EXPECTED HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.
A/4C DUDLEY VANORMAN, BOX 106 HQ SQDN COM. RGN, APO NYC 409283
TECH SGT GEORGE S. VANORMAN, 1100 BAILEY AVE, APT 19, EDWARDS, CALIF.
PVT DENNIS WHALEN (RA11599622) 71N20 CL 504, CO A, 3 SW BN, TRANS. SCHOOL BDE, FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA. MAY BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

TO OUR ABOVE NAMED MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES GO OUR WISHES FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS POSSIBLE WHEREVER YOU MAY BE AND MAY 1967 SEE A MOST BLESSED PEACE AND A RETURN TO YOUR FAMILIES.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

F.L.C.

SUNSET FARM FOLKS, THE HALES HAVE A NEW CEMENT SILO, HOLDING 600 TONS OF SILEAGE.

WILLIAM & MARION GELSLEICHTER ARE HOSTS TO WORKING BORDER COLLIE TRIALS THIS PAST FALL.

MRS. ROBERT CLARK FASHIONED A HORSE & DRIVER OUT OF CORN-STALKS FOR THE HALLOWEEN SEASON.

CHILDREN OF TYRINGHAM DRESS UP TO SOLICIT FOR UNICEF ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT

MRS. WELCH'S TYRINGHAM STUDENT BODY FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

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SPRING ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

BACK FROM A VACATION IN FLORIDA AND IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER AND, AS WE START, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THERE'S NOT TOO MUCH TO WRITE ABOUT. THE BERKSHIRES HAVE BEEN MORE OR LESS SNOW-BOUND WHILE WE WERE AWAY AND SINCE OUR RETURN ON THE 23RD OF FEBRUARY WHEN WE DROVE UP FROM NEW YORK IN A RENTED CAR IN THE MIDST OF A YOUNG BLIZZARD. WE MADE IT EVEN THOUGH WE WISHED SO MUCH THAT WE HAD BEEN DRIVING IN OUR VOLKSWAGEN, THE BEST SORT OF CAR IN THE SNOW OF NEW ENGLAND. MYRTLE, THE TURTLE WAS IN FLORIDA WITH US THOUGH TWO YOUNG LADIES WROTE US THAT MYRTLE WAS STAYING WITH THEM. IT TURNED OUT THAT THEY HAD TILLIE, THE TORTOISE AND TERRY, THE TERRAPIN WITH THEM, MYRTLE'S BROTHER AND SISTER. ALL THE WAY UP FROM FLORIDA ON THE TRAIN, MYRTLE JOYOUSLY SANG THE WORDS OF THE SONG OF SOLOMON --"FOR LO THE WINTER IS PAST, THE RAIN IS OVER AND GONE; THE FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH; THE TIME OF THE SINGING OF THE BIRDS IS COME AND THE VOICE OF THE TURTLE IS HEARD IN OUR LAND!" WELL, WHEN MYRTLE GOT BACK FROM SUNNY FLORIDA TO THE BERKSHIRES HER VOICE HAS NOT YET BEEN HEARD AGAIN.

NOW, TO GO BACK TO EVENTS SINCE WE WROTE OUR DECEMBER LETTER, THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS BROUGHT A TERRIFIC SNOWSTORM SO THAT WE HAD TO ABANDON OUR CHRISTMAS CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN THE CHURCH. MANY LOOK FORWARD TO THIS AND SO IT WAS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ALL OF US. WE HOPE THAT OLD MAN WINTER WILL SURELY HAVE DEPARTED BY EASTER SUNDAY!

FORTUNATELY FOR TYRINGHAM SCHOOL, THEY HELD THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM IN THE TOWN HALL THE 22ND, JUST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 16 INCH SNOWFALL ON CHRISTMAS EVE. AS USUAL THE PROGRAM WAS SUPERB AND MRS. WELCH AND HER PUPILS DESERVE GREAT PRAISE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM WAS HELD ON THE 11TH OF JANUARY WITH THE FOLLOWING BEING ELECTED TO OFFICE:- ARNOLD HALE, MODERATOR; HOLLY DAREY, CLERK (1 YR); TREASURER, JANICE STEDMAN (1 YR); GEORGE HALE AS AUDITOR (1R); DEACON: ARNOLD HALE (3 YRS); DEACONESS, CAROLINE CANON (3 YRS); SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT; MRS. WILLIS HALE, (3 YRS); ASST. S.S.SUPT. ALBERTA JONES, '3 YRS); TRUSTEE, FRED JUDD, (3 YRS); CHURCH COMMM MEMBER-AT-LARGE, FRED JUDD (3 YRS);

FINANCE COMMITTEE, ALICE HALE (3YRS); ENDOWMENT COMM. ROGER LOGAN, 3 YRS)

ALMOST ON THE EVE OF CORPORAL DENNIS CURTIN'S DEPARTURE FOR CALIFORNIA EN ROUTE TO JAPAN, DENNIS STANTON CURTIN, JR WAS BAPTIZED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH. HIS MOTHER, SUSAN BEAKES CURTIN, AND HE ARE NOW IN CALIFORNIA WITH CORPORAL CURTIN OF THE U.S.MARINES WHERE HE IS STATIONED FOR THE PRESENT.

A DAUGHTER, CAROL LYNN CLARK, WAS BORN, FEBRUARY 12TH, TO STAFF SGT & MRS. GERALD CLARK. GERRY HAS NOT YET SEEN HIS DAUGHTER FOR HE IS STATIONED WITH THE U.S.ARMY IN KOREA BUT HIS ENLISTMENT EXPIRES IN MAY AND A FAMILY REUNION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THAT TIME. ELSIE, HIS WIFE, AND THE BABY ARE LIVING IN SAN MIGUEL, CALIFORNIA. THE LITTLE GAL IS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF MR AND MRS. WILBUR CLARK, JR AND A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF WILBUR, SR.

MR & MRS RICHARD BRIGGS OF LEE ANNOUNCED THE ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR DAUGHTER, TERRY, TO CHARLES ("CHUCKY") CLARK, SON OF MR AND MRS WILBUR CLARK OF TYRINGHAM, THE WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST, 1967.

MR & MRS EUGENE O'NEIL OF LEE ANNOUNCED THE ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR DAUGHTER, MARGARET, TO SEAMAN SHAUN SMITH, USN, SON OF MR & MRS RAYMOND SMITH OF TYRINGHAM, THE WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY 1968.

DR & MRS RUSTIN MCINTOSH HAVE PRESENTED TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF UNION CHURCH A MUCH NEEDED COMBINATION SLIDE AND FILM-STRIP PROJECTOR FOR AUDIO VISUAL USE. THEY ALSO HAVE GIVEN SOME FILM STRIPS. IT IS HOPED THAT OTHERS MAY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SLIDES AND FILMSTRIPS AND MANY ARE NEEDED.

EASTER IS APPROACHING RAPIDLY. PALM SUNDAY SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH WILL BE HELD AT 11.00 AM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH. ON GOOD FRIDAY EVENING AT 7.30 THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE WITH RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.(MARCH 24TH)

EASTER SUNDAY IS MARCH 26TH. ON THAT GREAT HOLY DAY, THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL SO THAT FAMILIES MAY GATHER TOGETHER FOR THE EASTER SERVICE. EASTER MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED FROM THE HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL TOWER BEFORE THE SERVICE. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

LAST MONTH'S TOWN MEETING ELECTED THE FOLLOWING TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE TERM IN YEARS IN PARENTHESES:- MODERATOR, CHARLES SLATER(1); TOWN CLERK, ALICE HALE (1); TOWN TREASURER, GEORGE DESOUSA (1); TAX COLLECTOR, MRS BETTY CERNIK (3); AUDITOR, WILLIAM GELSLEICHTER (1) SELECTMAN, EVERETT FENNELLY (3); CEMETERY TRUSTEE, JOHN N. CANON (3) SCHOOL COMMITTEE, RUTH DESOUSA (3); PARK COMMISSION, PETER L. CURTIN (3); LIBRARY TRUSTEE, MRS. JANIS STEDMAN (3). SELECTMAN FENNELLY HAS JUST COMPLETED HIS FIRST TERM AS SELECTMAN. IN CHECKING BACK ON THE FOREGOING LIST, MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, SAYS WE FORGOT TO MENTION THAT CHARLES JOHNSON WAS RE-ELECTED AS ASSESSOR FOR 3 YEARS. MYRTLE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CHARLIE FOR HE INSISTS THAT HER HOME IN HOP BROOK SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR TAXES.

WE WOULD PAY TRIBUTE HERE AND GIVE HONORABLE MENTION TO FRED LORING, JOHN CURTIN, JESSE PIERCE AND RICHARD LORING FOR THE VERY EFFICIENT MANNER IN WHICH THE ROADS OF TYRINGHAM ARE, IN WINTER OR IN IN SUMMER, KEPT IN SUCH EXCELLENT CONDITION --- FAR BETTER THAN OTHER COMMUNITIES WE WILL NOT MENTION, WHOSE ROADS ARE TORN UP AND FOR WEEKS AND WEEKS ARE NOT WORKED ON, CAUSING MOTORISTS TO TAKE EXTENSIVE DETOURS AT GREAT INCONVENIENCE AND LOSS OF TIME.

THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF TYRINGHAM WORKING WITH THE SWIMMING COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U. S. CONSERVATION SERVICE HAVE EXPLORED SEVERAL POSSIBLE AREAS FOR A SWIMMING POOL. MANY WERE FOUND TO BE UNSATISFACTORY FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER BUT AT LONG LAST A FAVORABLE SITE HAS BEEN FOUND ON THE FORMER DuVERNOIS LAND, NOW OWNED BY WALTER HOWARD. HE HAS GIVEN HIS PERMISSION TO DIG TEST HOLES THIS SPRING FOR SOIL CAPABILITY AND IF FAVORABLE MR. HOWARD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS USUAL GOODNESS TO AND INTEREST IN TYRINGHAM, WILL DONATE THE NECESSARY LAND. THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION IS MADE UP OF STETSON ADAMS, CHAIRMAN; KENNETH JONES AND LARRY CERNIK. THE SWIMMING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF MISS AGNES CURTIN, MRS. GEORGE DeSOUSA AND MRS. LARRY CERNIK. (MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, WANTS TO LIVE IN A CORNER OF THE POOL BUT SO FAR NO PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED.)

JON KRASZESKI, AN HONOR STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS WHERE HE IS NOW A SENIOR, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PENNSYLVANIA STATE MEDICAL COLLEGE THIS FALL.

WE WOULD REMIND YOU THAT THOSE WISHING TO PLACE MEMORIAL FLORAL OFFERINGS IN THE SANCTUARY OF UNION CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY SHOULD NOTIFY ROGER LOGAN, CHM OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, DISGUSTED AT SOME OF THE DOINGS OF THE "MOD SET WITH THEIR HAIR-DOS, EXCLAIMED THAT WHAT THEY NEED IS A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED AIR-CONDITIONER IN THEIR HOMES. "WHAT, MYRTLE," I ASKED "ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DON'T YOU KNOW THAT AIR-CONDITIONERS ARE NOT OLD-FASHIONED?" "WHAT I MEAN," ANSWERED MYRTLE, "IS THAT THEY NEED A GOOD SWITCH TO BE USED ON 'EM BY DAD OR MOTHER. I CALL SUCH A THING AN "HEIR-CONDITIONER!" (MYRTLE, YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE!!)

PVT. ARTHUR DYER LEAVES FOR FORT McCLELLAN, ALABAMA, THIS WEEK FOR FURTHER TRAINING IN THE ARMY. HE HAS BEEN AT FORT DIX. S/SGT BRUCE LOGAN IS ALREADY STATIONED AT FORT McCLELLAN. LOOK OUT, HO CHI WHEN THESE TWO GET TOGETHER! PVT. DENNIS WHALEN HAS COMPLETED HIS BASIC AND IS STATIONED AT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA. A/2C BENJAMIN LORING, WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, HAS COMPLETED THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN COURSE AND RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE. TOMMY FENNELLY OVER IN GERMANY WITH THE U.S.ARMY, FEELS THAT EVERYTHING THERE IS NOW UNDER CONTROL SO HE EXPECTS TO COME HOME THIS SUMMER AND BE DISCHARGED.

STAFF/SGT DUDLEY VanORMAN, ON DUTY WITH THE USAF IN SPAIN, HOPES TO HAVE A BRIEF FURLOUGH SOON WHICH WILL BE SPENT IN LEE. EDWARD VINER, SON OF MRS. FRANK STRACUZZI OF TYRINGHAM ROAD WHO IS A MEMBER OF UNION CHURCH, IS IN THE ARMY COMBAT ENGINEERS AND IS IN <u>VIETNAM</u>!

CHARLES McCARTHY, FORMER TYRINGHAM RESIDENT AND SON-IN-LAW OF MRS PERCY STANTON, WAS CRITICALLY INJURED IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT LAST MONTH BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT HE IS NOW HOME AND GETTING BETTER SLOWLY BUT SURELY. HE LIVES IN GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA. HIS WIFE IS THE FORMER ISABELLE STANTON; HIS MOTHER, MRS MARIE MOORE.

WE NOW HAVE EIGHT NEW TABLES, MR. & MRS ARNOLD HAYNE RECENTLY HAVING GIVEN US ONE. TO THEM WE ARE ALL MOST GRATEFUL. WE STILL NEED TWO MORE BEFORE WE START OUR SERIES OF PUBLIC SUPPERS THIS SPRING.

GEORGE GILDER, SON OF MRS. GILDER PALMER, "AN ARDENT YOUNG PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN" HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE STAFF OF GOVERNOR ROMNEY OF MICHIGAN. TYRINGHAM'S ARTIST, GEORGE PICKEN, HELD A "ONE MAN SHOW RECENTLY AT THE REHN GALLERY IN NYC. (3 OF HIS PIX WERE OF TYRINGHAM) HE ALSO DISPLAYED 19 OTHERS.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM, FLC

THE MACDONALD SISTERS OF LENOX, FAITHFUL ATTENDANTS AT OUR SUPERS, TALK WITH GRACE SLATER

HOP BROOK VALLEY CLUB CHRISTMAS FAIR
BARBARA ADAMS(L) AND PAT CLARK READY FOR BUSINESS AT THE VALLEY CLUB TABLE.

DANNY SLATER & THE TYRINGHAM ROCKETTES IN THEIR NUMBER AT THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DICK LORING, HIDDEN BY FLYING SNOW CLEARS CHURCH ROAD WITH SNOWBLOWER

"TYRINGHAM GALLERIES" EXHIBITS AN ARTISTIC PAINTING IN SNOW.

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SUMMER ISSUE

DEAR FOLKS:-

WINTER HAS AT LONG LAST PASSED ON AND HERE IT IS SUMMER AND NO SPRING MADE ITS APPEARANCE! THIS NEWS LETTER PROMISES TO BE A LONG AND NEWSY ONE SO WE'LL GET GOING.

TO GO BACK TO EVENTS SINCE THE MARCH ISSUE, FIVE VERY FINE YOUNG FOLKS JOINED THE CHURCH ON GOOD FRIDAY AT THE EVENING SERVICE AND THE CHURCH WAS WELL-FILLED FOR OUR EASTER SERVICE. WE NOW HAVE TEN BRAND NEW, MODERN FOLDING TABLES FOR OUR PUBLIC SUPPERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THANKS TO THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB, THE VALLEY CLUB AND MR & MRS ARNOLD HAYNE. THESE NEW TABLES ARE NOT TO BE LOANED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH AS WERE THE OLD TABLES, WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE NEW TABLES ALL HAVE FORMICA TOPS AND CHROME TRIM. (WE HOPE TO USE THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR OUR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY IN JULY ------IF THE STRAWBERRIES ARE READY BY THEN.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WAS OBSERVED ON JUNE 11TH AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TOOK OVER AND DID A SPLENDID SERVICE THANKS TO MRS. WILLIS HALE AND HER ASSISTANTS. AT THIS SERVICE MARJORIE AURELIA SLATER, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS CHARLES SLATER OF TYRINGHAM AND DIANE CHRISTINE TWING, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS EDWIN TWING OF GLENDALE WERE BAPTIZED.
WE HAVE GREAT CAUSE TO BE VERY PROUD OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ITS STAFF OF DEVOTED TEACHERS.

THE CHURCH TREASURER, WITH TEARS IN HER EYES, HAS ASKED US TO REMIND ALL OUR CHURCH MEMBERS THAT THE CHURCH IS REQUIRED TO PAY $1.10 FOR EACH ACTIVE MEMBER SO, GOOD FRIENDS -- IF YOU DO NOT CONTRIBUTE BY PLEDGE OR OTHERWISE AS YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO CHURCH DUE TO DISTANCE ETC WONT YOU KINDLY SEND MRS STEDMAN AT LEAST $1.10 FOR YOUR DUES!!! (ANNUAL DUES)

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, WHO RUNS FOR COVER WHEN A STORK COMES DOWN THE "HEIR-WAYS", ANNOUNCES TWO BIRTHS OF INTEREST TO TYRINGHAM:-
A DAUGHTER, DIANE CHRISTINE TWING, BORN MAY 22ND TO EDWIN WILBUR AND BETTY WILLIAMS TWING OF GLENDALE AND JAMES KENNETH WINTERS, SON OF KENNETH MICHAEL AND LILLIAN WILLIAMS WINTERS OF OTIS. THE FATHERS BOTH LIVED IN TYRINGHAM AND THE MOTHERS ARE SISTERS. THE TYRINGHAM GRANDPARENTS ARE MR & MRS EDWIN W. TWING AND MR & MRS. MICHAEL WINTERS.

Dr. Gulielma Alsop, deeply interested in Tyringham's School children last Fall offered prizes for the best bird feeding stations. A station made by Peter Curtin, Jr and one, jointly made by Brenda VanOrman and Dawn Cernik won for them prizes in the shape of cameras. Six consolation prizes of nature books were awarded also. Alvah H. Sanborn, director of Pleasant Valley Bird Sanctuary gave a lecture illustrated with color slides and movies of birds of prey. (Quite an appropriate subject in a Church!) The "consolation prize winners were Debra Loring, David Garner, Kerry Clark, Bobby Clark, John de-Sousa and Steven Adams. Refreshments were served for the schoool and parents as guests of Dr. Alsop.

While we're on the subject of our School, the usual Memorial Day services were held on the porch of the Town Hall. The new Superintendent of Lee Schools, Dr. Paul Zdanowicz, was the Speaker. The Lee High School Band played. It was most inspiring to see these wonderfully looking patriotic young Americans, singing the praises of their country, trained by a greatly dedicated teacher, Mrs. Welch. Quite a relief from hearing about draft-card burners, beat-niks and those who burn our country's flag.

Miss Rosamond Gilder of New York & Tyringham, on June 3rd, received the United State Institute for Theatre Technology Award for "distinguished service to the American and international theatre" at a banquet in her honor at the St. Regis Roof, New York. Miss Gilder is President of the International Theatre Institute, a drama critic and writer; and is a former editor-in-chief of Theatre Arts Monthly. Her father, Richard Watson Gilder, was a former editor od Century magazine and spent his summers here in Tyringham.

Don Davis, of Tyringham Galleries, recently had a one-man art show at the Berkshire Museum. On exhibition were paintings and wash drawings done by himself. The show was apparently a great success as Stuart Henry, the curator of the Museum said that it was the first time he had ever seen so many paintings sold on the very first day. "Creative and refreshing" one critic called the display. The "medium" in which the pictures are painted was invented by Mr Davis, who has been developing it over the last seven years. He calls it "hydroxy-lac." "All in all the exhibition points to a new career for Davis who has already distinguished himself for the gallery which he has established in Tyringham.

Speaking of art, we have received a letter from Judy Miller at Antioch College. She is considering plans for setting up a summer theatre workshop or art school for children between the ages of six through ten. The project sounds most interesting but no definite plan can be made as yet as she also has a job at the Berkshire Music Center for the Summer, So to help Judy out we thought we'd let all the parents of children six to ten know what is in the works. It will be a great thing for these youngsters and when Judy arrives she will figure out her schedule and post the details in Curtin's Store.

The Red Cross Drive in Tyringham went way over the top according to Mrs. John Curtin, Chm. Helen Curtin, Kate VanOrman, Carolyn Canon Dianne Fennelly were canvassers, The summer residents gave generously also and as a result, there will be free Red Cross Swimming lessons for Tyringham children again. Mrs. Curtin is very grateful for the support received. Quota was $325. and $451. collected.

MAJOR & MRS. DARRELL DAVIS, RESIDENTS OF ORCHARD HOUSE HAVE RETURNED AND TELL US THAT THEIR DAUGHTER, KAREN, WAS MARRIED OVER A YEAR AGO TO CHARLES CURL. THEY HAVE A SON, DANIEL GENE AND LIVE IN WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA. KAREN'S BROTHER, JIMMY, IS IN OFFICERS' CANDIDATE SCHOOL, FORT BENNING, GEORGIA. THE MAJOR IS HERE ON LEAVE BUT IS ASSIGNED AS AN INSTRUCTOR AT LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS.

ARTHUR DYER, SON OF MR & MRS WILLIAM DYER OF DALTON, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, HAS COMPLETED EIGHT WEEKS OF ADVANCED ARMY INFANTRY TRAINING AT FORT MCCLELLAN, GEORGIA.

ASHWELL HEATH, A FORMER TYRINGHAM BOY WHO LEFT THE VALLEY IN 1939 TO JOIN THE NAVY AND WAS RETIRED IN 1960, HAS ACCEPTED A POSITION AS PLANNER & ESTIMATOR FOR THE SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING, CONVERSION AND REPAIR, USNAVY AT THE NEWPORT NEWS DRYDOCK AND SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION IN NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.

A SURPRISE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF THEIR 30TH YEAR OF MARRIAGE FOR MR & MRS EDWIN TWING, SR BY THEIR CHILDREN, EDWIN, JR OF GLENDALE, GERALD OF TYRINGHAM AND MRS. FRED REED, JR (EVELYN) OF LENOX DALE. MRS TWING IS THE FORMER HELEN BRADWAY. MYRTLE EXTENDS HER SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS)

HORACE GARNER REED, 83, OF NEW YORK CITY, DIED JUNE 24TH AND WAS BURIED IN TYRINGHAM CEMETERY, WITH THE LOCAL PASTOR OFFICIATING. MR. REED HAD A 54 YEAR CAREER IN CORPORATE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW & GOVERNMENT SERVICE, IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THE FORMER FLORENCE GARFIELD HOFFLIN, A NATIVE OF TYRINGHAM.

MRS. LOIS OLDS OF BROOKLINE AND TYRINGHAM, HAS RETURNED FROM A VISIT WITH HER SISTER, MISS MARGARET CLAPP, FORMER PRESIDENT OF WELLESLEY COLLEGE, WHO IS NOW THE HEAD OF LADY DOAK COLLEGE IN MADURAI, INDIA. MRS. OLDS AND MISS CLAPP TOOK A SHORT TOUR OF THE ORIENT.

AS WE WERE IN THE MIDST OF WRITING THIS NEWS-LETTER, WORD CAME OF THE DEATH OF A DEAR FRIEND TO US ALL, CARL CURTIN. HE HAD GONE INTO THE HOSPITAL A FEW DAYS AGO, APPARENTLY WAS DOING WELL AND EXPECTED TO COME BACK HOME WHEN HE SUDDENLY DIED ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 16TH. HE WAS 59. HE WAS A NATIVE OF TYRINGHAM, THE SON OF THE LATE THOMAS AND MARY MCGLYNN CURTIN. HE GRADUATED FROM LEE HIGH AND NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY. FOR THE PAST 29 YEARS HE WAS POSTMASTER FOR TYRINGHAM AND OWNED THE GENERAL STORE HERE. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, THE FORMOER MARY FISHER, TWO SONS, CARL JR OF LEE AND EUGENE OF NEW YORK CITY; TWO BROTHERS, JOHN OF TYRINGHAM AND GERALD OF LEOMINSTER AND FOUR SISTERS, MRS. MARY ELLIOTT OF LAJOLLA, CAL., MRS. NORA BUCKLEY OF NEW YORK, MRS KATHERINE HARROD OF WELLESLEY HILLS AND MISS AGNES CURTIN OF TYRINGHAM. THE FUNERAL WAS HELD MONDAY IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN LEE WITH A REQUIEM HIGH MASS AND BURIAL WAS IN TYRINGHAM CEMETERY.

CARL WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. HE DID MANY ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR NOT ONLY LOCAL RESIDENTS BUT FOR VARIOUS SUMMER RESIDENTS AS WELL, TAKING AN INTEREST IN ALL HE KNEW. HE COOPERATED AT ALL TIMES WITH TYRINGHAM TOPICS AND ITS DISTRIBUTION IN TYRINGHAM AND THROUGH THE MAILS. TYRINGHAM WONT SEEM QUITE THE SAME WITH CARL GONE. TO HIS DEVOTED WIFE AND SONS, HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THEIR GREAT LOSS WHICH IS, INDEED, TYRINGHAM'S GREAT LOSS, TOO.

PEGGY REBER, DAUGHTER OF MAJOR GENERAL & MRS MILES REBER, RECNTLY SAILED FROM NEW YORK TO ENGLAND ON A STUDENT SHIP, "AURELIA" FOR A MONTH'S STAY WITH AN ENGLISH FAMILY, THEN TO TOUR BRITAIN FOR ANOTHER MONTH. WHILE SAYING "BON VOYAGE TO PEGGY, THE REBERS CAME UPON MARY ELLEN BUCKLEY, WHO HAS OFTEN VISTED IN TYRINGHAM, HER MOTHER BEING AGNES CURTIN'S SISTER. THE REBERS HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM WELLESLEY COLLEGE, WHERE PEGGY WAS A FRESHMAN LAST YEAR, WHICH STATED SHE HAD AN HONOR RECORD FOR HER FRESHMAN YEAR. I FORGOT TO SAY THAT MARY ELLEN IS HEADED FPR FRANCE. HOPE SHE HAS SOME INFLUENCE WITH CHARLIE DE GAULLE.

MRS. RUSTIN MC INTOSH RECENTLY ENTERTAINED THE HOP BROOK CLUB AND GUESTS AT A LUNCHEON FOR MRS. GRACE SLATER. (SEE INSERT & PICTURE.

GRADUATING THIS YEAR FROM TYRINGHAM SCHOOL ARE DAWN CERNIK, DAUGHTHER OF MR & MRS LARRY CERNIK, DAVID GARNER, SON OF MR & MRS ALLAN GARNER AND DANIEL SLATER, SON OF MR & MRS CHARLES SLATER; FROM LEE HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTINE HALE, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS DONALD HALE AND ROBERT CHOQUETTE, SONE OF MR & MRS HARVEY CHOQUETTE. AND FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUETTS, JON KRASZESKI, SON OF MR & MRS LUCYAN KRASZESKI. JON RECENTLY WON A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE BERKSHIRE MEDICAL SOCISTY. HE WAS ON THE DEAN'S LIST ALL FOUR YEARS PF HIS COLLEGE CAREER. HE HAS GRADUATED WITH HONORS IN ZOOLOGY ON THE BASIS OF INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN THAT FIELD. HE WAS RECENTLY ELECTED TO THE HONORARY SOCIETY OF SIGMA XI, BEING ONE OF ONLY 8 UNDERGRADUATES ACCEPTED. HE WILL ENTER PENN STATE'S NEWLY FOUNDED COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND JON'S CLASS IS THE FIRST TO ENTER THE NEW COLLEGE. THERE WERE, WE ARE TOLD, 1100 APPLICANTS OF WHICH ONLY 40 WERE ACCEPTED, AMONG THEM THE FUTURE"DR. JON KRASZESKI."

IN CLOSING WE'LL RELATE WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT TYRINGHAM'S MEN IN THE SERVICE. EITHER PAST OR PRESENT RESIDENTS. SP/4 TOMMY FENNELLY IS DUE HOME ANY DAY NOW--HE HAS BEEN WITH THE ARMY IN GERMANY ----CPL. DENNY CURTIN IS AN MP IN DANANG, VIETNAM ----DENNIS WHALEN IS HEADED FOR VIETNAM IN THE ARMY ---- GERRY CLARK STAFF SGT IN ARMY, IS BEING DELAYED FOR TWO MONTHS IN KOREA (TO MAKE SURE THE COUNTRY IS SAFE IN THE HANDS OF THOSE HE LEAVES BEHIND)----EDDIE VINER IS OVER IN VIET NAM; DON DAVIS, JR (CHIPPER) HAS ENLISTED IN THE AIR FORCE AND IS IN LACKLANS AFB, TEXAS ----A/4C DOD VANORMAN IS IN SPAIN AFTER A SHORT LEAVE IN LEE; TECH/SGT SID VANORMAN AND HIS WIFE & 2 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED IN LEE SOON FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS STAY BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR 3 YEARS IN ALASKA, TO KEP AN EYE ON THE RUSSIAN BEAR FROM THAT ANGLE. SID IS IN THE AIR FORCE ---- BRUCE LOGAN SP/5 IS STATIONED IN FORT MCCLELLAN, GEORGIA ----BENJAMIN LORING, AF, IS AT WESTOVER FIELD AND SHAUN SMITH, NAVY IS ON THE CONSTELLATION IN THE BAY OF TONKIN.

WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A POSTCARD FROM MRS ELOISE MYERS, MAILED FROM WINCHESER SHPWING A PHOTOGRAPH OF "TYRINGHAM CLINIC" APPARENTLY THE FAMILY ESTATE OF THE TYRINGHAM FAMILY. THERE IS NO OTHER TOWN OR CITY OR POSTOFFICE IN THE WHOLE WORLD NAMES TYRINGHAM. DID YOU KNOW THAT?

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

F.L.C.

FIVE NEW MEMBERS OF UNION CHURCH– LINDA JONES, JENNIFER CANON, CHARLES SLATER, PETER ADAMS, DONALD CERNIK

HOP BROOK CLUB GROUP PAY TRIBUTE TO GRACE SLATER (SEE INSERT)

ALVAH SANBORN OF PLEASANT VALLEY SANCTUARY ENTERTAINS CHILDREN & PARENTS WITH YOUNG FOX

MRS. WELCH WITH GRADUATES OF SCHOOL–DAVID GARNER, DAWN CERNIK, DANIEL SLATER

LEE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE-- ROBERT CHOQUETTE

JON KRASZESKI GRADUATES WITH HONORS FROM UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

TESTIMONIALS

OF

AFFECTION AND APPRECIATION

TO

GRACE SLATER

BY

THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1967

(READ AND SUNG AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY MRS. RUSTIN McINTOSH)

FOREWORD

IT IS BECAUSE THE TWO LITTLE WORDS "THANK YOU" ARE TOO RARELY USED THESE DAYS THAT WE HOPEFULLY ADD THIS SUPPLEMENT TO TYRINGHAM TOPICS. IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF GENUINE APPRECIATION FOR YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE GIVEN BY A MEMBER OF THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB TO NOT ONLY THE CLUB BUT TO OUR CHURCH, TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO MANY INDIVIDUALS AS WELL.

OVER THE YEARS YOUR EDITOR HAS SEEN OR KNOWN ABOUT MANY PEOPLE DOING KIND, THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS ACTS WITHOUT EVER BEING TOLD "THANK YOU". THIS IS SO WITHIN FAMILY CIRCLES, AMONG FRIENDS, IN SERVICE TO COMMUNITY OR TO ORGANIZATIONS. PEOPLE DON'T MEAN TO BE THOUGHTLESS, PARTICULARLY TO THOSE THEY LOVE. BUT THEY ARE AND THIS IS NOT GOOD.

TOO MUCH IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED. TOO MUCH IS ASSUMED THAT "THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT SO WHY SHOULD WE THANK THEM." THUS IT IS REFRESHING TO WITNESS A DEMONSTRATION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE BY THE HOP BROOK CLUB TO ONE WHO HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR SO MANY ALL THESE YEARS.

THE FIRST OF THE FOLLOWING POETIC TRIBUTES TO MRS. SLATER WAS WRITTEN BY MRS. FRED LORING. THE WRITERS OF THE OTHER PREFER TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

TO MRS. GRACE SLATER

DEAR MRS. SLATER:-

TODAY WE THOUGHT WE'D HAVE SOME FUN
FOR YOU WITHOUT YOUR KNOWING,
TO HONOR YOU FOR THINGS YOU'VE DONE
TO KEEP THE CHURCH WORK GOING;
SO MANY GIFTS YOU'VE MADE AND SOLD
WHICH GAVE A LOT OF PLEASURE--
OF MANY COLORS, GREEN AND GOLD
FOR MANY FOLK TO TREASURE.

AS THRIFTY TREASURER AND SUCH
You used your precious time
TO GIVE ADVICE WHICH HELPED SO MUCH
In saving every dime;
AND BY THE QUILTS YOU'VE PLANNED AND SEWN
Too numerous to mention,
YOU CAN BE SURE IT'S QUITE WELL KNOWN
You've earned a Heavenly pension.

YOU HELPED AT CHRISTMAS PARTIES, TOO,
As Santa's sister Susie
AS WELL AS SUPPERS, QUITE A FEW
With cakes and pies, -- so juicy !
ALL THESE NICE THINGS WE WANT TO SAY
Right now instead of later
TO YOU IN TRIBUTE HERE, TODAY,
Our own esteemed GRACE SLATER!

(From the Ladies of the Hop Brook Community Club

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HOP BROOK CLUB SONG TO GRACE SLATER

In a valley by a river
Where the hills are soft and green
We live there in great contentment
Grateful for our life serene.

O that river, O that valley,
Hear the chimes that float on high
Watch the ponies in the pasture
And the cows all grazing nigh.

There's a group of Hop Brook ladies
Who meet monthly to do good.
They all sew and work together
And enjoy their simple food.

There's a leader of those ladies,
Grace B. Slater is her name
Here today we celebrate her,
Sing to tell about her fame.

SHE CAN SEW AND SHE CAN RUFFLE
MAKE A QUILT THAT STUNS YOUR EYES.
ALL THE PROJECTS THAT WE WORK ON
SHE DESIGNS TO OUR SURPRISE.

WHEN WE PLAN A PUBLIC SUPPER
SHE COLLECTS THE FOOD FROM US,
WORKS TO ORGANIZE THE KITCHEN,
PUTS IT ON WITHOUT A FUSS.

IN THE SUMMER THERE'S NONE GREATER
WORKING TO PRODUCE A FAIR,
THAN OUR LEADER, GRACE B. SLATER,
PEOPLE COME FROM EVERYWHERE.

IN A VALLEY, BY A RIVER
WHERE THE HILLS ARE SOFT AND GREEN.
WE LIVE THERE IN GREAT CONTENTMENT,
GRATEFUL FOR OUR LIFE SERENE.

O THAT RIVER, O THAT VALLEY,
HEAR THE CHIMES THAT FLOAT ON HIGH,
WATCH THE PONIES IN THE PASTURE
AND THE COWS ALL GRAZING NIGH.

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DEAR FOLKS:-

SO MUCH TO TELL YOU ABOUT -- SO MUCH TO SHOW YOU IN PICTURES THAT, AS WE START THIS LETTER, WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PAGES IT WILL ALL TAKE. IT HAS BEEN AN EVENTFUL SUMMER FOR SURE! (MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, POOR THING, IS EXHAUSTED AFTER DODGING HORSES FOR VARIOUS REASONS!)

THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING PRETTY WELL FOR UNION CHURCH. OUR PAINTING FUND HAS INCREASED AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE EXTERIOR OF OUR CHURCH WILL GET A MUCH-NEEDED PAINT JOB NEXT SPRING. THANKS TO THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB THE COMMUNITY CENTER-SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DONE OVER AND BRIGHTENED UP WITH TWO COATS OF PAINT APPLIED BY TYRINGHAM'S INTERIOR DECORATOR, HENNING CARLSON. (THE HOP BROOK CLUB, BY THE WAY, CLEARED $742.71 WITH THEIR ANNUAL FAIR, FOOD SALE AND RUMMAGE. THIS GROUP HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR TYRINGHAM CHURCH THAT THEY, THE MEMBERS, MERIT OUR DEVOTED THANKS.

WE WERE UNABLE ON ACCOUNT OF THE WEATHER, TO HOLD OUR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN JUNE BUT IT TOOK PLACE ON JULY 6TH AND WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SUPPER EVER. WE FED OVER 300 AND CLEARED $302.37. OUR CHICKEN BARBECUE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 17TH WAS NOT AS SUCCESSFUL AS USUAL DUE TO SEVERAL REASONS, CHIEF AMONG THEM BEING WE TANGLED WITH "TANGLEWOOD ON PARADE" THAT NIGHT.

OUR ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER OF TURKEY, MASHED POTATO, SQUASH, GRAVEY, CRANBERRY JELLY, HOMEMADE ROLLS, PIE, COFFEE, TEA AND MILK IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5TH, STARTING AT 5.30 PM. ADULTS - $2.00; CHILDREN UNDER 12 - $1.35. AND YOU WILL DINE IN OUR NEWLY PAINTED AND DECORATED COMMUNITY CENTER.

MOST OF YOU WHO HAVE KNOWN THE MCINTOSH FAMILY WILL BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT DR & MRS KENNETH MCINTOSH HAVE A DAUGHTER, HELEN CARLY MCINTOSH, BORN JULY 18, 1967, THE FIRST GRAND-DAUGHTER OF DR AND MRS RUSTIN MCINTOSH.

SOMEHOW A BIRTH LAST JUNE 8TH GOT BY MYRTLE, THE TURTLE. A SON JAMES STEPHEN CURTIN, WAS BORN TO JAMES AND KATHY CURTIN OF LEE. THE YOUNG MAN IS ANOTHER GRANDSON OF MR & MRS JOHN CURTIN OF TYRINGHAM, A GREAT-GRANDSON OF MRS. PERCY STANTON.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AND IT WLL BE GOOD TO SEE ALL THE CHILDREN AND THEIR TEACHERS AGAIN. A JUNIOR CHOIR, RECRUITED FROM THE RANKS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, WAS ORGANIZED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MRS. WALTER STEDMAN AND MRS LUCYAN KRASZESKI, OUR ORGANIST. THANKS TO FUNDS DONATED BY A KIND BENEFACTOR, THE CHOIR HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH LIGHT BLUE ROBES. THEY ADD MUCH TO OUR SERVICES WITH THEIR YOUNG VOICES, SINGING THE PROCESSIONAL BY THEMSELVES, AND THE HYMNS WITH THE ADULT CHOIR. THE YOUNG LADIES OF THE CHOIR ARE:- ALTOS - DAWN CERNIK, SUSAN SLATER, BRENDA VANORMAN, NANCY GARNER; SOPRANOS - JUNE STEDMAN, RUTH HEATH, SHERON ADAMS, DEBORAH LORING, KERRY CLARK. WE HOPE TO HAVE A PICTURE OF THE JUNIOR CHOIR IN OUR DECEMBER ISSUE.

A TOTAL OF $575. HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE TYRINGHAM LIBRARY AS A TRUST FUND IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CARL CURTIN, TYRINGHAM'S POSTMASTER AND STORE-KEEPER. THE INTEREST FROM THIS FUND IS TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY. THE FUND WAS PROVIDED BY GIFTS FROM BOTH YEAR-ROUND AND SUMMER RESIDENTS, THE LATTER RESPONDING 100%. THIS FUND DEMONSTRATES HOW GREATLY ESTEEMED AND RESPECTED, CARL CURTIN WAS. (HOW MUCH WE ALL MISS HIM!) HIS FAMILY, THRU THESE PAGES, DESIRE TO EXPRESS THEIR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION OF THIS BEAUTIFUL TESTIMONIAL TO THEIR HUSBAND AND FATHER.

THE MARRIAGE OF CHARLES WILBUR CLARK, SON OF WILBUR AND IRMA CLARK OF TYRINGHAM TO MARION THERESE BRIGGS, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS RICHARD L. BRIGGS OF LEE TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN LEE. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PASTOR OF THAT CHURCH ON VACATION, THE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE MINISTER OF THE UNION CHURCH OF TYRINGHAM. THE COUPLE ARE LIVING ON HIGH STREET IN LEE. ROBERT CLARK WAS HIS NEPHEW'S BEST MAN AND KERRY CLARK, THE SISTER OF THE GROOM WAS A FLOWER GIRL.

THE TREASURER OF THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB REPORTS IN DETAIL CONCERNING THEIR ANNUAL FAIR, AFOREMENTIONED. MRS. GRACE SLATER, SMILING AS WELL SHE MIGHT, SAYS THEY MADE $103. ON THE FOOD SALE; $16.50 ON SALE OF JEWELRY (TIFFANY PLEASE NOTE); THE RUMMAGE SALE BROUGHT IN $123.81 AND THE FANCY GOOD TABLE, $469.40. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOP BROOKERS, WHO DO SO MUCH FOR BOTH THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY .

THE TYRINGHAM FIREMEN HELD THEIR ANNUAL BLOCK DANCE ON JULY 22D AND THEIR CHICKEN BARBECUE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH. THE WEATHER DID NOT COOPERATE TOO WELL SO THIS YEAR IT WAS HELD IN THE FIRE HOUSE.

WE WERE A BIT STARTLED WHILE READING THE BOSTON HERALD*TRAVELLER RECENTLY TO SEEOUR GOOD FRIEND, DR. PAPPENHEIMER, FEEDING A GOAT, AND LOOKING AT US TRIUMPHANTLY OVER HIS GLASSES. SO WE HAD TO READ THE STORY THAT WENT WITH IT WHICH BRIEFLY, WE WILL SUMMARIZE FOR YOU. IT STATED THAT HARVARD PHYSIOLOGISTS HAVE CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF A LONG-SUSPECTED SLEEP FACTOR IN BRAIN FLUID BY PUTTING MATERIAL FROM SLEEPY GOATS INTO "WIDE-AWAKE RATS AND CATS AND OBSERVING THE REACTION." THE RESULT IS TO MAKE THE RATS AND CATS DOZE OFF INTO NORMAL SLEEP, THE KIND FROM WHICH THEY CAN BE READILY AWAKENED. THERE WAS MUCH MORE TO IT BUT TOO LONG TO TELL ABOUT HERE. BUT WE GOT AN IDEA FROM IT -- IF WE COULD ONLY INDUCE A SPY FROM YALE TO GET HOLD OF SOME GOATS AND INJECT THE HARVARD FOOTBALL TEAM WITH THE SERUM JUST BEFORE THE YALE-HARVARD GAME THIS FALL! BUT, ASIDE FROM THAT -- "NICE WORK, DOCTOR!" TYRINGHAM CONGRATULATES YOU.

AS REGARDS CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS OR POLITICS, THE WRITER, FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, REMAINS NEUTRAL, FOR HE USUALLY HAS GOOD AND VERY DEAR FRIENDS ON OPPOSING SIDES. SUCH IS THE CASE IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL FOR TYRINGHAM. AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONSERVATION ANS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, WHO HAVE APPARENTLY HAD A VERY ACTIVE SUMMER, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED HEREWITH:-

"THE NEWS IS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF HARD WORK IN TRYING TO FIND A SWIMMING AREA FOR TYRINGHAM. WALTER HOWARD HAS SPEAR-HEADED DEVELOPMENTS BY GENEROUSLY OFFERING LAND, IN WHAT IS REFERRED TO AS THE "DUVERNOIS" MEADOW. THE LOCATION IS BEAUTIFUL AND SEEMS WELL-SUITED FOR A SWIMMING POOL. THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT YOU TAKE A WALK DOWN TO THE PROPOSED AREA AND SEE FOR YOURSELF JUST HOW MAGNIFICENT A SPOT IS BEING OFFERED US AND YOU WILL BE MORE ENTHUSIASTIC THAN EVER! YOUR CONSERVATION AND SWIMMING COMMITTEES HAVE HELD INNUMERABLE MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS, AND ALSO HELD AN OPEN FORUM IN EARLY JULY, AND WERE PLEASED WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE. ONE KIND OF ASSISTANCE INDIVIDUALS CAN GIVE IS THE OFFER OF LABOR, WHICH WILL REDUCE THE TAX ASSESSMENT. A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE NECESSARY SO THAT THE TOWN CAN ACCEPT THE GIFT OF LAND AND APPROPRIATE THE MONEY FOR BUILDING THE POOL. PROVIDED THIS IS DONE SOON, WE CAN HOPE FOR OUR OWN SWIMMING AREA NEXT YEAR."

WITH DEEP AND SINCERE REGRET WE BID FAREWELL TO TWO PROMINENT TYRINGHAM FAMILIES, THE JOHN GAISFORDS AND THE GEORGE DESOUSAS. MR & MRS GAISFORD HAVE SOLD THEIR HOUSE TO ARTHUR AND HERMINE BOGEN OF GREAT BARRINGTON. ALL THREE GAISFORDS WERE FAITHFUL ATTENDANTS EVERY SUMMER AT UNION CHURCH. MRS. GAISFORD SANG IN THE CHURCH CHOIR, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB AND ACTED AS HOSTESS FOR THE CHURCH SUPPERS. THEIR SON, JOHN, WAS ACTIVE IN THE BOY SCOUTS AND IN HELPING OUT AT THE CHURCH SUPPERS. THEY WERE PRESENTED GIFTS BY CHURCH MEMBERS AND THE HOP BROOK CLUB WHEN THEY LEFT IN AUGUST. AN OPEN HOUSE AND COFFEE HOUR WAS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, WEDNESDAY, AT WHICH THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID THE FAMILY OF GEORGE DESOUSA FAREWELL. THEY WERE PRESENTED A COLORED PHOTOGRAPH OF TYRINGHAM VALLEY, TAKEN FROM THE COBBLE IN THE SUMMERTIME. THEY ARE LEAVING THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER FOR THEIR NEW HOME IN SPRINGFIELD. MR. DESOUSA WAS PARK COMMISSIONER IN TYRINGHAM FOR MANY YEARS AND IS RESIGNING AS TOWN TREASURER. MRS. DE SOUSA HAS SERVED FOR A LONG TIME ON THE LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE, ON THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND AS ASST, TO THE LIBRARIAN. SHE HAS ALSO RESIGNED FROM THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS. SHE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF TYRINGHAM'S DEMOCRATS! THEIR HOME HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY MR & MRS ORLEN G. LUNT OF FAIRVIEW STREET IN LEE.

MR & MRS GEORGE CRANE, WHO HAVE RESIDED IN A HOUSE OWNED BY MR & MRS LOUIS WEITZMAN OF TYRINGHAM HAVE LEFT TOWN ALSO AND, IF WE ARE CORRECTLY INFORMED, ARE NOW LIVING IN BECKET. AND MRS. BEVERLY SANDERS AND CHILDREN HAVE MOVED, WE UNDERSTAND, TO WILLIAMSTOWN. THEIR HOUSE, NEAR THE LEE LINE, IS NOW OCCUPIED BY MR AND MRS SHAFIROFF AND CHILDREN.

WE'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THESE NEW FAMILIES IN DECEMBER, WHEN WE HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET THEM BUT IN THE MEANTIME --- TO THE BOGENS THE LUNTS, THE KENTFIELDS (MOVING INTO THE GILMORE HOUSE) AND THE SHAFIROFFS, AND ANYONE WE MAY HAVE MISSED DURING ALL THESE CHANGES, WE BID YOU WELCOME TO TYRINGHAM. WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BACKING HER IN HER CONTEST FOR "MISS AMERICAN TURTLE."

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE TWELVE DEAD ELM TREES RIGHT ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD ON YOUR WAY TO LEE BEFORE YOU GET TO THE CORNER. THEY ARE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LEE AND THEY APPEAR VERY DANGEROUS TO TRAVEL IN CASE OF A SEVERE WINDSTORM. WHAT LEE NEEDS IS A FREC LORING TO CUT THESE TREES DOWN BEFORE THEY KILL SOME PASSING MOTORIST. AND THERE ARE SEBERAL MORE BETEEEN THE CARRINGTON CORNER AND THE SPRING!!!

WELL, SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES HAVE STARTED. MISS MARGARET REBER DAUGHTER OF MAJOR GENERAL AND MRS. MILES REBER OF TYRINGHAM HAS LEFT FOR HER SOPHOMORE YEAR IN WELLESLEY. SHE WAS RECENTLY AWARDED FRESHMAN HONORS FOR ACADEMIC DISTINCTION. JON KRASZESKI, SON OF MR & MRS. LUCYAN KRASZESKI. WHO GRADUATED WITH HONORS LAST JUNE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, IS LEAVING TO ENTER PENN STATE'S NEWLY FOUNDED COLLEGE OF MEDICINE. BEFORE WE KNOW IT WE'LL BE WRITING ABOUT DOCTOR KRASZESKI.

JOHN DONALD, WHO IS REMEMBERED BY SOME OF YOU, SON OF MR. & MRS. JOHN DONALD, SUMMER RESIDENTS ON FERNSIDE, WAS RECENTLY MARRIED TO JEAN ARRIGO OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. JOHN WENT TO HARVARD, WAS ON THE HARVARD CREW AT THAT INSTITUTION IN CAMBRIDGE, WE THINK THAT IS ITS LOCATION. HE GOT HIS PHD FROM BERKELEY IN CALIFORNIA AND IS NOW WITH MRS. DONALD, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ANKARA IN TURKEY.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME BACK TO TYRINGHAM MISS MARGARET CLAPP, FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF WELLELSY COLLEGE WHO HAS BEEN IN MANDURAI, INDIA THE PAST YEAR, SERVING AS HEAD OF LADY DOAK COLLEGE. THE COLLEGE HAS 600 STUDENTS OF WHOM 40% ARE CHRISTIANS, THE OTHERS BEING HINDUS OR MUSLIMS.

PLEASE NOW TAKE NOTICE THAT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE WILL APPEAR IN OUR NEXT ISSUE OF EARLY DECEMBER. IT WILL CONTAIN THE USUAL JOINT GREETING AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE, FOLLOWED BY THE NAMES OF ALL THE FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO EXTEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EVERYONE ELSE WHO READS TYRINGHAM TOPICS. (WE ESTIMATE THAT IT IS READ BY CLOSE TO 1000 PEOPLE BY NOW---PRESENT AND PAST TYRINGHAMITES, AND TO ALL OUR BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES) WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEVING THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR NAMES APPEAR ON THIS GREETING PAGE, WITH $1.00 PER INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY NAME. PLEASE WRITE IT THE WAY YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR. THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS PAGE ENABLE US TO GIVE YOU PICTURE PAGES, THUS KEEPING YOU MORE AWARE THAN MERE WORDS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TYRINGHAM AND TO OUR PEOPLE. THIS JOINT GREETING WILL BE JUST AS SINCERE AS ANY GREETING CARD AND YOU WILL BE SAVED THE PRICE OF CARDS, POSTAGE AND TIME CONSUMED IN WRITING. WE STARTED THIS CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE FOUR YEARS AGO AND MORE & MORE HAVE ADDED THEIR NAMES EACH YEAR. LAST YEAR THERE WERE 116 ON THE PAGE. (WE ARE A BIT IN THE RED THIS ISSUE DUE TO RUNNING TWO PAGES OF PICTURES SO YOU SEE HOW MUCH WE NEED THOSE PROCEEDS THOUGH THE MAIN IDEA, ABOVE ALL ELSE, IS THE MUTUAL GREETINGS TO EACH OTHER

PLEASE BE SURE AND SEND IN YOUR NAME OR NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU DONT FORGET. WE MUST HAVE THEM BY <u>DECEMBER 5TH.</u>

TYRINGHAM GALLERIES, WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY, HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SEASON.

TOP ROW, LEFT:—OUR UNION CHURCH CHICKEN BARBECUE COOKS. READING FROM LEFT, A HUNGRY STRANGER, EDWARD FENNELLY, WILLIAM DYER, JOHN GAISFORD, DONALD CERNIK.

TOP ROW, RIGHT:— THE JEFFREY POTTERS ENTERTAIN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH A SWIMMING POOL PARTY, GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MIDDLE ROW, LEFT:— TYRINGHAM SCHOOL ENJOYS A LUNCH AFTER A VISIT TO BERKSHIRE MUSEUM AND RADIO STATION WBRK.

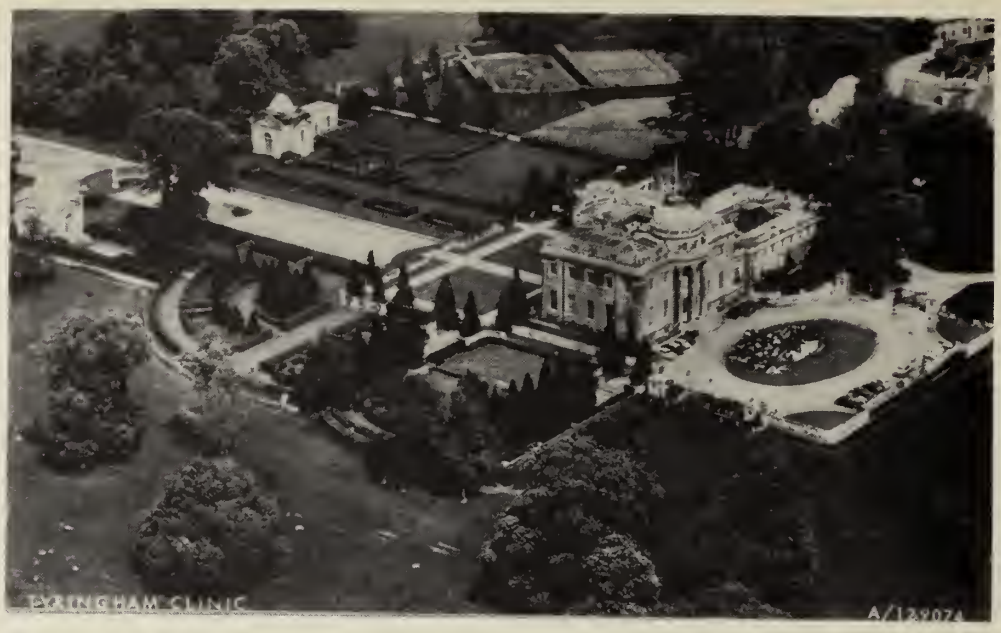
MIDDLE ROW, RIGHT:— TYRINGHAM'S NEWLY PURCHASED ROAD GRADER.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT:— BRENDA VANORMAN, THE ENTIRE 4TH GRADE GRADUATING CLASS OF TYRINGHAM SCHOOLS, NOW IN LEE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BOTTOM ROW, MIDDLE:— REESE PALMER AND THE BIKE HE RODE TO AND FROM EXPO '67, 550 MILES, 3 DAYS EACH WAY, 2 DAYS AT FAIR.

BOTTOM ROW, RIGHT:— CHRISTINE HALE, DAUGHTER OF DONALD & MARY HALE, 1967 GRADUATE OF LEE HIGH, NOW STUDYING TO BE A COMMERCIAL ARTIST AT BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

TYRINGHAM CLINIC, TWO MILES FROM PAGNELL IN BUCKS COUNTY, ENGLAND



MRS. ELOISE MYERS OF LEE, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, AUTHORESS OF "A HINTERLAND SETTLEMENT", SENT US THE ABOVE PICTURE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL GEORGIAN MANSION, DESIGNED BY SIR JOHN SOANE. IT IS SURROUNDED BY 26 ACRES OF LANDSCAPED GARDENS AND WOODLANDS. CONTAINED WITHIN IT ARE OVER 100 ROOMS. IT IS CLASSIFIED AS OF "OUTSTANDING ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL INTEREST. THERE IS ALSO A TEMPLE OF MUSIC FOR CONCERTS, A LIBRARY FOR QUIET READING AND WRITING, A SPACIOUS LOUNGE OF ELEGANT PROPORTIONS, A RECREATION ROOM, TELEVISION ROOM AND LECTURE THEATRE, A BEAUTY SALON AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, INCLUDING PRIVATE RADIOS AND ELECTRIC BLANKETS FOR EACH PATIENT.

IT IS RUN BY AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "THE TYRINGHAM FOUNDATION, "(A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION) WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN IN-PATIENT CLINIC, "WHICH WILL BE THE NATUROPATHIC EQUIVALENT TO A HOSPITAL WITH TEACHING AND RESEARCH FACILITIES. NATUROPOTHY IS THE "ART AND SCIENCE OF STIMULATING THE BODY'S INHERENT POWERS TO REGAIN HEALTH BY NON-TOXIC METHODS." MRS. MYERS WAS ROYALLY RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFICIALS LEARNED SHE CAME FROM OUR TYRINGHAM.

TO THE LEFT IS A PICTURE OF OUR COBBLE, PAINTED BY OUR GOOD FRIEND GEORGE PICKEN OF TYRINGHAM. IT WAS PART OF AN EXHIBIT OF OIL PAINTINGS, PEN DRAWINGS, OIL ON CARDBOARD AND OIL ON PAPER WHICH WAS RECENTLY ON VIEW IN THE BERKSHIRE MUSEUM IN PITTSFIELD. IN ADDITION TO THE PAINTING SHOWN HERE, THERE WERE ALSO OTHER SUBJECTS SUCH AS "QUARRY AT LEE,""BERKSHIRE LANDSCAPE", AND "BERKSHIRE HILLSIDE." THE CRITICS GAVE HIGH PRAISE TO MR. PICKEN AS AN ARTIST AND TO THE EXHIBIT.

"IN ALL HIS WORKS MR. PICKEN SHOWS THAT ONE OF THE TASKS OF PAINTING IS TO BRING INTELLIGIBLE ORDER INTO OUR EXPERIENCE OF THE VISIBLE WORLD" SAID HELLMUT WOHL, THE ART CRITIC IN A REVIEW IN THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE. MR. PICKEN IS AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ARTIST WHOSE WORKS ARE REPRESENTED IN MANY AMERICAN MUSEUMS AND PRIVATE ART GALLERIES.

A BUDDING AUTHORESS IS MRS. ROBERT A. LLOYD, (SUSAN MCINTOSH) DAUGHTER OF DR & MRS RUSTIN MCINTOSH OF TYRINGHAM. SHE HAD A MOST INTERESTING HUMAN-INTEREST STORY IN THE JULY ISSUE OF RED BOOK MAGAZINE. IT WAS ENTITLED "THE SUMMER WE LEARNED KIDS ARE KIDS" AND IT TOLD ABOUT HER FAMILY AND ANOTHER WHITE FAMILY AND THEIR CHILDREN MAKING THE ACQUAINTANCE OF A NEGRO FAMILY WITH THEIR CHILDREN. IT ALL WORKED OUT MOST SUCCESSFULLY AND THE CHILDREN ALL PLAYED TOGETHER AS NORMAL CHILDREN WITH NO COLOR-LINE DRAWN WHATSOEVER. IT IS AN IDEA THAT MANY OTHER FAMILIES MIGHT WELL COPY.

THANKS TO MR & MRS WILLIAM LEIPZIG OUR PUBLIC SUPPER WORKERS ARE PROVIDED WITH A DOZEN NEW APRONS AND CAPS, WITH HUMOROUS IMPRINTS, MAKING OUR STAFF LOOK QUITE PROFESSIONAL AND SNAPPY.

FRED LORING, JR IS NOW LIVING WITH HIS FAMILY IN FLORENCE, S.C. WHERE HE IS VERY BUSY AS MANAGER OF TWO LARGE GAS COMPANIES IN TWO STATES. FRED ONCE PLAYED THE ORGAN IN UNION CHURCH. HE WRITES THAT HE ENJOYS TYRINGHAM TOPICS VERY MUCH, KEEPING HIM INFORMED ABOUT THE DOINGS OF THE HOME-FOLKS AND THE COMMENTS BY MYRTLE, THE TURTLE AND HE SUGGESTS THAT MYRTLE VISIT MYRTLE BEACH SOME DAY. (MYRTLE LIKES THE IDEA BUT SAYS SHE'S AFRAID OF ALLIGATORS AND SHARKS!)

AMONG THE ACTIVITIES THIS PAST SUMMER WERE THE USUAL RED CROSS SWIMMING CLASSES IN LEE ORGANIZED BY MRS JOHN CURTIN AND AN ART CLASS TAUGHT BY MISS JUDY MILLER.

PRESENT OR FORMER TYRINGHAM YOUTHS NOW IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY ARE:- CPL. DENNIS CURTIN (MARINES) AND PFC DENNIS WHALEN (ARMY) BOTH IN VIETNAM; SP/5 BRUCE LOGAN (ARMY) FORT MCCLELLAN, ALABAMA; A/B DONALD DAVIS, JR (AIR FORCE) SHEPPARD AFB, TEXAS; SEAMAN SHAUN SMITH (NAVY) USS CONSTELLATION, BAY OF TONKIN; PFC EDWARD VINER (ARMY) VIETNAM; FRANK VINER (AIR FORCE) LAKLAND AFB TEXAS; TECH SGT. SIDNEY VANORMAN & FAMILY IN ALASKA (WITH THE AIR FORCE); A/4C DUDLEY VANORMAN (AIR FORCE) WITH HIS FAMILY IN SPAIN; BENJAMIN LORING (AIR FORCE) WESTOVER FIELD BUT SOON TO LEAVE FOR OKINAWA AND PVT. FRANK ARMSTRONG, (ARMY) AT FORT BRAGG, N.C. A THIRD VINER BROTHER IS TO BE MARRIED SEPT. 23RD TO MISS BONNIE CONSOLATI AND LEAVES FOR DUTY IN THE NAVY ON THE 29TH SEPT. TWO TYRINGHAM MEN HAVE BEEN RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY -- STAFF SGT. GERALD CLARK, NOW WITH HIS FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA AND SP/4 THOMAS FENNELLY, BACK IN TYRINGHAM. (GERRY CLARK HAD SERVED IN KOREA AND TOMMY FENNELLY IN GERMANY. GERRY ALSO HAD SERVED IN GERMANY ONCE AND TWICE IN KOREA.)

A SEPTIC TANK HAS BEEN INSTALLED & COMPLETED FOR THE PARSONAGE AND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE CHURCH (AND THE PARSON!) MANY THANKS TO RICHARD LORING WHO GAVE OF HIS TIME AND THE USE OF HIS BACK-HOE TO INSTALL THE TANK AND ALSO THANKS TO ARNOLD HALE AND FRED JUDD FOR LABOR AND SOME MATERIALS REQUIRED.

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS TIME AND WE HOPE WE HAVE NOT SKIPPED ANYTHING. WE NOW CLOSE THE LONGEST TYRINGHAM TOPICS LETTER WE HAVE EVER WRITTEN TO YOU ALL.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

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PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR NAME FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PAGE

"IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"

CHRISTMASTIOE IS ONE OF THOSE RARE TIMES WHEN OUR THOUGHTS TURN FROM THE MATERIAL THINGS OF LIFE TO THE NOBLER, MORE BEAUTIFUL ONES . . . TO OUR LOVED ONES AND OUR PERSONAL FRIENDS. . . AND TO THE HAPPINESS WE CAN GIVE RATHER THAN THAT WHICH IS BESTOWED UPON US. AND SO THOSE OF US LISTED BELOW GIVE TO ALL OF YOU AND TO EACH OTHER, THE SINCERE WISH THAT THERE COME TO YOU IN THESE HOLIDAY TIMES AN ABUNDANCE OF THE TRULY PRECIOUS THINGS OF LIFE -- HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND ENDURING FRIENDSHIPS. AND MAY GOD BLESS YOUR CHRISTMAS FIRESIDE AND GRANT TO YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

MR & MRS STETSON ADAMS & FAMILY
DR. GULIELMA FELL ALSOP
WALT & ROSA ALVARO & WALT,JR
MR & MRS RICHARD BIRKETT & MARTHA
MR & MRS NORBERT A.BOGOAN
MR & MRS ERNEST BUTLER & JESSE PIERCE
MR & MRS BRUNDIGE, BILLY & LESLIE
MR & MRS RICHARD CABRAL & FAMILY
ALBERT & THELMA CARLSON
HENNING & CAROLYN CARLSON
HENNING & JOYCE CARLSON & MICHAEL
HOWARD & BARBARA CARLSON, STEVIE, CINDY & LARRY
CAROLINE G. CANON
MR & MRS J.NORTHRUP CANON & JENNIFER
LAWRENCE CARTON
THE 7 CERNIKS
MR & MRS HARVEY CHOQUETTE & ROBERT
MISS MARGARET CLAPP
BOB, PAT & WILBUR CLARK AND KIDS
CHUCK & TERRY CLARK
MR & MRS GERALD CLARK & CAROL
MR & MRS WILBUR CLARK JR & KERRY
REV & MRS FRANKLIN L. COUCH
THOMAS COLEY
AGNES B. CURTIN
CARL & CHRISTINE CURTIN & CHRISTINE (JR)
CPL. & MRS DENNIS CURTIN & DENNIS,JR.
MR & MRS JAMES CURTIN & FAMILY
JOHN & DAVENA CURTIN
MR & MRS J.NEIL CURTIN & FAMILY
MARY & GENE CURTIN
MR & MRS PETER L. CURTIN & SONS
TERRY & MARILYN CURTIN, BUTCH, KELLY & BETH
TOMMY & MAGGIE CURTIN
MAJOR & MRS DARRELL DAVIS & FAMILY (ORCHARD HOUSE)
DON & ANN DAVIS & FAMILY
MRS HARRY E. DICKSON
MR & MRS ELMER DODGE
EVERILL DOWNS
MR & MRS WILLIAM DYER & ARTHUR
MR & MRS DOUGLAS EDDY & FAMILY
JAMES & BEVERLY ELSENSOHN
MR & MRS JAMES FAWCETT, JOHNNIE & DONALD
EDDIE & DIANNE FENNELLY & ADAM
MR & MRS EVERETT FENNELLY & FAMILY
MR & MRS LEROY FISHER
JOHNNIE, HELEN & JOHN GAISFORD
MR & MRS ALLAN GARNER & FAMILY
BILL & MARION GELSLEICHTER
MISS ROSAMOND GILDER
MRS ARTHUR GILMORE
MR & MRS PETER HAHN & FAMILY
THE HALES OF SUNSET FARM
DON, MARY HALE & FAMILY
GEORGE, JEAN & DAVID HALE
ARNOLD, SANDY & CATHY HAYNE
MR & MRS CORTLAND HEATH & BRUCE
MR & MRS HERBERT HEATH & FAMILY
MR & MRS JOHN F. HEATH
LOUISE E. HISCOX
MARY JARRETT & GLADYS SHELDON
CHARLES JOHNSON
KENNETH & ALBERTA JONES, KEN & LINDA
FRED JUDD
THE KNICKERBOCKERS
LUCYAN & LOIS KRASZESKI & FAMILY

MR & MRS WILLIAM LEIPZIG
SP/5 BRUCE R. LOGAN
ROGER & RUTH LOGAN
MR & MRS RICHARD LORING & FAMILY
BEATRICE & CHARLES LORING SR, RUSSELL, BENNIE & JOE
MR & MRS FRED LORING
HARRY & OLIVE LORING
TUNK & DEDE LORING, RHONDA, ELAINE & CHUCK
THE LUNTS-CORENNE, ORLIN, SHERRY & STEVE
CHARLES & ISABEL MCCARTHY
M/SGT & MRS DOUGLAS MCCARTHY, DEBBIE & SUSAN
WARD MCCARTHY
DR. & MRS RUSTIN MCINTOSH
KATHARINE & JOHN MCLENNAN,HOLLY, ANGELICA, SUZIE MOO & JENNIFER
MR & MRS A.AMASA MILLER & FAMILY
SAM, JONATHAN, CHRIS & ANNE MOFFETT
MRS. RAYMOND MONTGOMERY & DAUGHTERS,KATE, MARY & ELEANOR
MARIE MOORE
MYRTLE, THE TURTLE
MRS. LOIS OLDS
MRS FRANCESCA GILDER PALMER
MR & MRS GILDER PALMER & FAMILY
KAY & LISA PALMER
DR & MRS JOHN R. PAPPENHEIMER & FAMILY
MR & MRS RAYMOND PARKER
SISTER CATHERINE LOUISE (LOUIE PERKINS)SSM
EDWARD C. PERKINS AND WIFE (PETEY DUBOIS) & CHILDREN MARIA LOUISE(LOUIE),EDWARD(JR), JAMES,DAVID & KATE
EDWARD N. PERKINS (PATRIARCH)
GEORGE & VIOLA PICKEN
MRS. MARY PIKE
MR & MRS EDWARD POTHUL & FAMILY
MR & MRS JEFFREY POTTER
VIGO & CATHA RAMBUSCH, KRISTIN & TWINS
FRED, TOOTIE, MARTHA & JAMES READ
MAJOR GENERAL & MRS MILES REBER & PEGGY
SAMUEL REBER
WILLIAM ROERICK
MR & MRS. DOUGLAS D. ROSE
MR & MRS JOHN S. RUDD
DR & MRS J. H. SALZMAN
MR & MRS JACOB SCHOTS
DR & MRS E.M.SHEPARD & FAMILY
CHARLES & ELIZABETH SLATER & FAMILY
GRACE B. SLATER
MARY & RAYMOND SMITH
MR & MRS NORMAN SOULES & FAMILY
MR & MRS CHARLES SPOERL
FRANK & FRANCES STRACUZZI & FAMILY
ISABEL STANTON & PERRIN
MRS. JANICE STEDMAN & JUNE
MR & MRS FRANK THOBER
DR & MRS ASHER TREAT
RUDD & BETTY TRUAX,ALICE & HAWLEY
MR & MRS R. HAWLEY TRUAX
MR & MRS EDWIN TWING,SR
MR & MRS EDWIN TWING,JR AND DAUGHTERS
MR & MRS GERALD TWING & NANCY ANN
MAY VANDEUSEN
MR & MRS GORDON VANORMAN & FAMILY
MR & MRS LOUIS I. WEITZMAN
MR & MRS JOSEPH WHALEN & FAMILY
MR & MRS ALBERT WILLIAMS
MR & MRS KENNETH WINTERS & FAMILY
MR & MRS MICHAEL WINTERS

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DECEMBER 1967
WINTER LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL IN AND FROM SNOW-COVERED TYRINGHAM. WINTER HAS COME EARLY THIS YEAR. AS WE START THIS LETTER IT IS THE LAST WEEK IN NOVEMBER BUT THERE IS MUCH TO DO AND WE WANT TO GET IT OUT EARLY IN DECEMBER. WITH THIS LETTER GOES OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE AND WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MORE NAMES THAN EVER WILL APPEAR ON THAT FRIENDLY AND SINCERE PAGE OF GREETINGS FROM US ALL WHOSE NAMES APPEAR THEREON TO ALL OF YOU WHO READ IT, LISTED OR UNLISTED. MANY HAVE SENT IN THEIR GREETINGS BY MAIL AND DAVENA CURTIN AND IRMA CLARK HAVE CANVASSED OUR YEAR-ROUND RESIDENTS. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THESE TWO THOUGHTFUL LADIES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE.

CHRISTMAS DAY THIS YEAR COMES ON MONDAY. CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON DECEMBER 24TH WITH THE REGULAR MORNING SERVICE AT 11.00 AM AND THE CUSTOMARY CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE AT 7.30 THE EVENING OF THE SAME DAY. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR JUNIOR CHOIR OF YOUNG GIRLS AND THEY ARE REHEARSING FOR THESE TWO SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS SUNDAY. MRS. KRASZESKI AND MRS. STEADMAN AND THE GIRLS DESERVE GREAT CREDIT FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC UNITED EFFORTS. FROM THE HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL MUSIC TOWER WILL PEAL FORTH CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM TIME TO TIME AT CHRISTMASTIDE. MANY OF YOU WILL RECALL THAT LAST YEAR, DUE TO BLUSTERY, BLIZZARDY WEATHER, WE WERE UNABLE TO HOLD THE REGULAR CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICE NOR THE CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE. WE HOPE FOR MUCH BETTER WEATHER THIS YEAR.

OUR ORGAN RECENTLY GAVE FORTH LOUD AND WAR-LIKE SOUNDS WHICH FRIGHTENED THE CONGREGATION UNTIL THE SITUATION WAS EXPLAINED BY THE MINISTER. SEVERAL THOUGHT THE BOILER HAD BURST. WELL, THE ORGAN IS OVER 30 YEARS OLD AND SOMEDAY, SPEAKING IN TERMS OF MODERN SURGERY WE SHALL HAVE TO HAVE AN "ORGAN TRANSPLANT". THIS TIME, SEVERAL NEW TUBES EFFECTED A CURE AND ALL IS NOW WELL. MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, DEAR OLD GAL, OFFERED TO CRAWL INSIDE AND FIND OUT THE TROUBLE BUT WE SHUDDER WHEN WE THINK OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF SHE GOT STUCK THEREIN.

NEW YEAR SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1968. AT THIS TIME WE HAVE A COMMUNION SERVICE AND WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP ANY WHO DESIRE TO JOIN OUR CHURCH.

You have doubtless noted the picture of our Junior Choir singing Christmas Carols at the top of the Christmas Greeting page. We are all very proud of this Choir and they sing together beautifully under the direction of Mrs. Kraszeski and Mrs. Stedman. From left to right in the front row are Jennifer Bishop, Nancy Garner, Sheron Adams, June Stedman. Rear row, Ruth Heath, Susan Slater, Dawn Cernik and Brenda VanOrman. (Missing from the picture is Debra Loring.)

On October Carol Lynn Clark, daughter of Mr & Mrs Gerald Clark, grand-daughter of Mr & Mrs Wilbur Clark, Jr was baptized and on the 22nd of October, Sean Barclay Hudson, son of Mr & Mrs Barclay Hudson was baptized. This young man was born in Santiago, Chile.

On October 22nd, Patrick J. Collins was married to Brenda S. Heath, daughter of Mr & Mrs Cortland Heath of Tyringham.

We are happy to tell you that the old wooden front steps of the Church, which look as though they were the original steps built in 1944 are to be replaced by steps built of native rock, the gift of Doctor Gulielma Alsop in memory of her sister, Elizabeth Alsop Shepard. Harry Loring and his son, Dick, are to build them.

Mrs. Frances Darey has resigned as Church Clerk due to her pursuing a post-graduate course in art at the University of Massachusetts, which consumes much time. The Church Committee voted her a unanimous "thank you, Holly" for her long years of service as Clerk.

The Church Committee states that it has had to make a ruling that henceforth nothing is to be "borrowed" or removed from the Community Center. Twelve of our folding chairs are missing and it would be greatly appreciated if the borrowers would leave them off in the parsonage storm porch. Also someone has borrowed the hose from the wash-room and we'd like to get that back, also. (Note:- the hose is kept there in case of fire and not for personal hygiene)

We are very happy to welcome to Tyringham, Mr and Mrs Richard White and sons, James (7 yrs) and Richard, Jr with a special welcome to the latter who arrived in this world on November 24th.

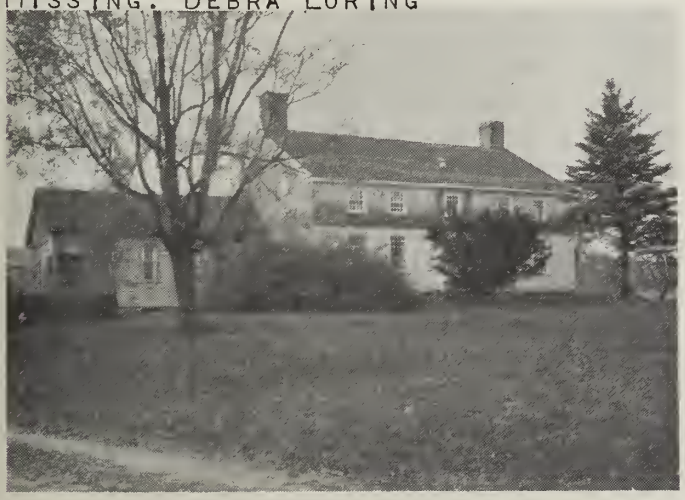
Those wishing to contribute a gift to a Tyringham youngster, under 12 years of age, to be put on the Christmas Tree (the gift not the youngster) should contact either Mrs Cernik or Mrs. Choquette by the 15th with the gift. Numbered tags to attach to the gift will be available any time prior to that date. As Mrs. Choquette is to be out of town, you had better contact Mrs Cernik only.

What problems we have. Here we are trying to get out this Newsletter and no Myrtle, the Turtle to help. Someone told her last Summer that she was "a perfect dear" and Myrtle, never having studied under Mrs Welch doesn't know how to spell. So here we are in the midst of deer week and Myrtle is in hiding.

A birth and a marriage involving former Tyringhamites have happened since our last letter. Mr and Mrs Carl Curtin Jr are the parents of a daughter, Christine Menin Curtin, born November 26th. She is the grand-daughter of Mrs Mary Curtin and the late Carl Curtin. And Shaun Smith, son of Mr & Mrs Raymond E. Smith of Tyringham, was married in St Mary's Church in Lee to Miss Margaret I. O'Neill, daughter of Mr & Mrs Eugene O'Neill of Lee. The groom recently retired after serving four years in the Navy.

THE 4-H CLUB:- MRS. JANICE STEDMAN, SHARON ADAMS, BRENDA VANORMAN, DAWN CERNIK. FRONT: JUNE STEDMAN, NANCY GARNER. MISSING: DEBRA LORING

THE NEW HOME OF THE EVERETT FENNELLY FAMILY ON TYRINGHAM ROAD.



THE FORMER HOME OF MRS. LOUISE HISCOX, NOW BEING RENOVATED AS A HOME FOR MR & MRS FRANK THOBER

NEW HOME BEING BUILT FOR THE PETER CURTIN FAMILY BY ROBERT CLARK AND ROBERT CARTY CONTRACTORS UNDER THE FIRM NAME OF "BEAVER BUILDERS."

TO THE LEFT:- SOME OF THE PROMOTERS OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, HELP JOINTLY BY THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY AND VALLEY CLUBS. (FROM LEFT): MRS. HARVEY CHOQUETTE, MRS. ALLAN GARNER, MRS MILES REBER, MRS JOHN CURTIN, MRS. FRANKLIN COUCH, MRS. DONALD DAVIS. (SEATED): MRS. GRACE SLATER, MRS. PERCY STANTON, MRS CHARLES DEPPING. MISSING: MRS. RUSTIN MCINTOSH, MRS ROBERT CLARK AND MRS STETSON ADAMS.

MRS STANTON IS PRESIDENT OF THE HOP BROOK CLUB AND MRS CHOQUETTE, OF THE VALLEY CLUB. THE FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Mrs Darrell Davis writes that their son, Jimmy, known to many of us, was graduated from OCS as a 2nd Lieut. at Fort Benning in September and is now Training Officer for basic trainees at Ft. Leonard Wood. He was only 19 when commissioned! The Davises as you may know have Orchard House and accomodate guests there during the Summer. The Elmer Dodges, who while in Tyringham occupied the house now owned by the Adamses, tell us that Mr Dodge is now retired; Tom has three children and lives in Barre,Vt., Julie is married and travelling in Europe with her husband who is a Danish Fellow. Paul is a Senior at the University of New Hampshire. (Ed. note:- We all like to hear of the doings of old friends and wish more would follow the example of the Davises and the Dodges.)

Mrs. Harvey Choquette has been elected President of the Valley Club with Mrs. Gerald Twing; Vice-President; Miss Agnes Curtin, Secretary and Mrs Larry Cernik, Treasurer.

Miss Alice Hale has been appointed as Acting Church Clerk to succeed Mrs Darey.

Peter Curtin has been elected as a member of the School Committee to replace Mrs. Ruth DeSousa who has moved to Springfield. Likewise Mrs. Davena Curtin has been appointed a member of the Board of Registrars and Mrs. Mary Garner, as Library Trustee, other positions held by Mrs DeSousa

Two very nice clocks, one for the Sunday School Room in the Church and the other for the Primary Dept in the Parsonage, have been given through the Hop Brook Club by a very nice lady who wishes to remain anonymous.

In these times of war and riots and vandalism, it seems GOOD, REAL GOOD to hear about old-fashioned neighborliness. Mr. Francis Wilson recently lost his wife, the mother of nine children. In the field was a lot of corn that needed to be put in the silo. So, as good neighbors, living nearby in Tyringham, Charles Slater, Willis Hale, Gilly Palmer of our town, and Frank Carrington of Lee, all went to take care of putting a great part of that corn in the silo.

Mrs. Grace Slater, Treasurer of the Hop Brook Club, reports that the Club realized $224.23 as a result of its joint Christmas Fair with the Valley Club. The latter's profits are not yet on hand. Trick or Treat for UNICEF, under the Valley Club took in $34.40

Due to the kindness of Major General & Mrs Miles Reber the annual trip to West Point took place in October to see the Cadets parade and attend a football game. Those who went this year were Gordon VanOrman, Edward Fennelly as "custodians" and the boys were Glen VanOrman, Daniel Slater, David Curtin and Peter Curtin, Jr.

We manage to do quite a lot of reading and we never know when the name of some famous Tyringham resident, year-round or just summer, will jump out at us: About two weeks ago we beheld a picture of Actor William Roerick, alonside him a picture , a painting, which he had picked up for $35. in an antique shop. He was browsing about in this particular shop in Tulsa, Oklahoma when the picture caught his eye. It was, as he says "a grubby, damaged little painting in a heavy Victorian gilt frame hanging high up on the wall. To make a long story short, he decided to take a chance and buy it. Upon investigation he learned from an art expert at the Brooklyn Museum with whom he had left it to be cleaned and repaired, that he truly had a treasure. It was painted by Winslow Homer in 1874 and Mr. Roerick sold it for a nice round five-figure sum! Better start looking in your attics, folks, or in antique shops! Happy hunting!

Mrs. Janice Stedman has taken on a 4-H Club in cooking and sewing for young girls. They meet at her house Fridays after school. The girls have organized as follows:- President-Dawn Cernik; Vice-President -Myrtle the Turtle; Secretary-Brenda VanOrman; Treasurer-Nancy Garner. other members- June Stedman, Debra Loring and Sharon Adams.

On October 25th's Sunday Church Service, Mrs. Willis Hale, representing our Sunday School, Mrs. Janice Stedman representing the Tyringham Library and Mrs. Welch, representing the Tyringham School received, at a dedication service, three beautiful Bibles for their respective organizations, the gifts of Dr. Gulielma Alsop. In the absence of the donor the Bibles were brought forward for the ceremony by Dr. Alsop's grand-nephews, Reese Alsop Palmer and Victor Halstead Judge, Jr.

Sometimes we receive information from individuals that they are not getting TYRINGHAM TOPICS. Let us remind you that if you move and we are not notified by either you or a relative of your change of address, you will probably not get your copy. If you are a resident of Tyringham and have a post office box and fail to get your copy, notify the post office or, if you share the box with someone else, check with them. We run off about 300 copies and we'll see that you get one if you remember to do your part. Extras may be secured from Mrs Betty Cernik, if not too many are wanted.

The "Stitch and Stir Club" recently met at the home of Mrs. Donald Davis to make plans for starting the Club in January. The members are:- June Stedman, Sharon Adams, Nancy Garner, Debra Loring, Kerry Clark and Judy Shaffroff.

Mr & Mrs Orlin Lunt, daughter Sherry, grandson, Steve and grandmother, Mrs Blanche Willard have moved into the de Sousa's former home. Mr Lunt has retired from the Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant. They have a son, Willard, in the Air Force at Seymour Johnson AFB. Mr & Mrs Walter Kentfield and daughters, Loretta & Lorraine and son, John, are living in the former Gilmore house.

We conclude this Christmas issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS with a most sincere salute to those Tyringham men and former Tyringham boys, now living elsewhere, who are serving their Country in our Armed Forces. We give you here their names and addresses:-

PRESENT TYRINGHAM

In Vietnam

Corporal Dennis Curtin, (marines) 1st MP Bn., C Co, FPO San Francisco, 96602.

PFC Dennis Whalen, RA 11599622 (Army) Co B, 1st Medic. Bn. (SNT), 1st Inf Div. APO San Francisco 96345

In the States

Sp/5 Bruce Logan, (RA11369536) (Army) Field Support Co. Fort McClellan, Alabama.

A/3c Donald R. Davis AF11536850 (Air Force) Wilfred Hall, Box 368343 USAF Hospital, Lackland AFB, Texas

Member of the Lunt family newly arrived in Tyringham:

Sgt. Willard B. Lunt, 1506 Mimosa St., Goldsboro, N.C. 27530
(Sgt Lunt is in Ground Power (Air Force) at Seymour Johnson AFB.

Please turn page for former Tyringham boys)

FORMER TYRINGHAM

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PVT FRANK J. ARMSTRONG RA11962124 (ARMY) CO B, 3RD BN, 4TH ESTB,
CLASS #30 FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO. 65473

TO ALL OF YOU IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY GO OUR WISHES FOR AS HAPPY A CHRISTMAS AS POSSIBLE. MAY 1968 BRING PEACE TO OUR WORLD -- A LASTING PEACE, A JUST PEACE. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

F.L.C.

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MARCH, 1968
SPRING LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

ONLY BACK A SHORT TIME FROM A VACATION IN FLORIDA AND IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN TO LET YOU IN ON ALL THE DOINGS IN TYRINGHAM OR BY ITS PEOPLE. IT WAS REAL COOL IN FLORIDA THIS YEAR AND WE HAD TO COME HOME TO GET WARM. HAD TO SEND MYRTLE HOME EARLY AND SHE WAS QUITE UPSET BECAUSE SENT HER HOME BY PARCEL POST!

LET'S START WITH CHRISTMAS EVENTS. A GOODLY NUMBER ATTENDED UNION CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICE AND THE VERY POPULAR CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN THE EVENING. THE CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS BROUGHT FORTH MORE NAMES THAN EVER AND AS A RESULT, TO GET THEM ALL IN, WE HAD TO USE SMALLER TYPE. NEXT CHRISTMAS WE WILL USE LARGER TYPE ON A LONGER PAGE. IT IS VERY GRATIFYING TO SEE THE KEEN INTEREST IN THIS CHRISTMAS PAGE, SUCH A GREAT EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION CHURCH WAS HELD ON JANUARY 10TH AND A BRIEF LIST OF THE IMPORTANT OFFICERS ELECTED NAMED ARNOLD HALE, MODERATOR; KENNETH JONES, DEACON; DAVENA CURTIN, DEACONESS; MRS MILES REBER, CHURCH COMM; ALICE HALE, CLERK; MRS JANICE STEDMAN, TREASURER; FINANCE COMM, ALAN GARNER; S.S.SUPT.MRS GORDON VANORMAN, ASST. S.S.SUPT. IRMA CLARK. A TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO MRS. WILLIS HALE WHO RESIGNED AS SUPT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER FORTY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE BOTH AS TEACHER AND SUPERINTENDENT. A MULTITUDE OF TYRINGHAM CHILDREN, NOW GROWN UP, MOST OF THEM, WITH FAMILIES OF THEIR OWN, OWE MUCH TO MRS. HALE FOR THE BASIC TEACHINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. (ED. NOTE:- OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS MORE TEACHERS. PLEASE CONTACT MRS VANORMAN IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.)

IT HAS BEEN VOTED TO START THE PAINTING OF THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THOUGH WE ARE SHORT OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DONATIONS TO THE PAINTING FUND WHICH MAY BE SENT TO MRS JANICE STEDMAN, THE TREASURER. (YOU CAN SEE HOW BADLY THE PAINTING IS NEED IF YOU WILL LOOK AT THE PICTURE ON ANOTHER PAGE HEREIN.)

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT, TOO, THAT THE NEW STONE STEPS NEEDED SO BADLY BY OUR CHURCH, AND THE GIFT OF DR. GULIELMA ALSOP, IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER SISTER, ELIZABETH ALSOP SHEPARD, WILL BE STARTED AS SOON AS THE WEATHER PERMITS. THEY ARE TO BE BUILT BY

HARRY AND RICHARD LORING, WHICH MEANS THEY WILL BE WELL BUILT.

REALIZING THAT BESIDES THE PAINTING OF THE CHURCH AND THE NEW STEPS, THERE ARE MISCELLANEOUS OTHER NEEDS BY BOTH THE CHURCH AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, A CHURCH BAZAAR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO HELP RAISE FUNDSFOR SUCH THINGS AS RAILINGS, INDOOR-OUTDOOR CARPETING FOR THE VESTIBULE, RECORD PLAYER FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHAIRS FOR THE CHURCH SUPPERS AND OTHER NECESSITIES. THIS COMMITTEE MADE UP OF COMMUNITY SPIRITED PEOPLE, NON-MEMBERS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF UNION CHURCH, BOTH ACTIVE OR ASSOCIATE, PLAN TO HOLD THE BAZAAR SOME TIME IN JULY. IT WILL HAVE A LARGE VARIETY OF ARTICLES ON SALE AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES, DONATED BY MANUFACTURERS & FRIENDS OF TYRINGHAM. THE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF DR & MRS. RUSTIN MCINTOSH, MAJOR GENERAL AND MRS. MILES REBER, MR & MRS WILLIAM LEIPZIG, MRS. PERCY STANTON, MRS. JOHN CURTIN, MRS GRACE SLATER, ROGER LOGAN, KENNETH JONES, MRS. CHARLES SLATER , MYRTLE, THE TURTLE AND THE MINISTER, EX-OFFICIO.

THE TYRINGHAM HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORTS TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF HISTORIES FROM 1964 TO 1968 (THE SECOND EDITION) AMOUNTED TO $905.16. TOTAL EXPENSES CAME TO $602.86 LEAVING A NET PROFIT TO DATE (JANUARY 1, 1968) OF $302.30. OF THIS THE SUM OF $290.00 HAS BEEN PAID TO THE CHURCH'S STEDMAN-MYERS ENDOWMENT FUND, LEAVING A BALANCE ON HAND OF $12.30. SIXTY-EIGHT BOOKS ARE YET TO BE SOLD. ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO MAY BE LABORING UNDER THE DELUSION THAT INASMUCH AS THE FIRST EDITION YIELDED A PROFIT OF $1000. THIS SECOND EDITION SHOULD DO EVEN BETTER. IT MIGHT IF WE HAD NOT HAD TO PAY ALL THE EXPENSES OF PRINTING THE SECOND EDITION, WHILE THE FIRST EDITIONS COSTS WERE GENEROUSLY PAID BY THE AUTHOR, MRS. ELOISE MYERS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE DOING VERY WELL.

MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT PALM SUNDAY IS APRIL 7TH. GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE WITH RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND HOLY COMMUNION IS ON APRIL 12TH AND EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 14TH. (EASTER MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED FROM THE HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL MUSIC TOWER PRIOR TO THE SERVICE.) MEMORIAL FLOWERS WILL ADORN THE SANCTUARY.

WE ARE GRIEVED TO ANNOUNCE THE TRAGIC DEATH IN A HIGHWAY ACCIDENT OF A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH, MR JACOB SCHOTS. HE WAS KILLED WHEN THROWN FROM A CAR ON FEBRUARY 17TH. IN A VILLAGE NEAR SOUTHAMPTON ON LONG ISLAND. HE WAS A NATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS AND FOR MANY YEARS LIVED AS GARDENER ON THE CLARKSON ESTATE IN TYRINGHAM. AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH HE WAS CUSTODIAN FOR THE HALSEY HOUSE, A RECENTLY RESTORED HISTORIC LANDMARK IN SOUTHAMPTON. TO HIS WIDOW, KATHERINE SMID SCHOTS, ALSO A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH, GOES THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF ALL THOSE OF US WHO KNEW HIM AS A GREAT AND GOOD CHRISTIAN. THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL WERE IN SOUTHAMPTON.

ANNUAL TYRINGHAM TOWN MEETING ELECTION IN FEBRUARY RESULTED IN CHARLES SLATER BEING ELECTED AS MODERATOR (1 YR); ALICE HALE, TOWN CLERK (1 YR); HENNING CARLSON, SELECTMAN (3 YRS); PATRICIA CLARK, TREASURER, (1 YR); SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 YRS),PETER CURTIN; RAYMOND SMITH, ASSESSOR (3 YRS); WILLIAM GELSLEICHTER, AUDITOR, (1 YR); CEMETERY COMMITTEE,(3 YRS) RICHARD LORING; PARK COMMISSION, AGNES CURTIN (3 YRS); LIBRARY TRUSTEE, KATHLEEN VANORMAN (3 YRS.) BY A VOTE OF 69 TO 34 A PLAN TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR SNOW-PLOWING AND SANDING CERTAIN PRIVATE ROADS IN TOWN WAS APPROVED.

UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM AS IT ONCE WAS, WITH CARS PARKED ON THE FRONT LAWN. DATE UNKNOWN BUT WE GUESS IT WAS AROUND 1915. ANYONE KNOW?

THE DOOR OF UNION CHURCH AS IT IS TODAY, SHOWING HOW BADLY IT NEEDS PAINTING. HENCE OUR APPEAL IN THIS ISSUE OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS. THE REST OF THE CHURCH IS COMPARATIVELY THE SAME.

THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE. THERE YOU SEE MRS. WELCH CONFERRING WITH SANTA AND JUNE STEDMAN WITH GIFT KERRY CLARK WAITING.

GRADUATES OF THE SCHOOL AND PARENTS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF SANTA CLAUS.

THE HIGH-LIGHT OF THE MEETING SEEMED TO B[illegible] APPROPRIATION OF $10, 200 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SWIMMING POOL ON 5 ACRES OF LAND VERY GENEROUSLY DONATED BY WALTER WHOWARD AT NO COST TO THE TOWN. THE ONLY RESTRICTION MR HOWARD PUT ON THE GIFT WAS THAT IT BE USED ONLY FOR SWIMMING AND RECREATION FACILITIES. MR. HOWARD WAS GIVEN A STANDING VOTE OF APPLAUSE FOR HIS GIFT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PROJECT WILL BE FINISHED BY NEXT FALL. MAJOR GENERAL MILES REBER PRSENTED THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECT OF THE CONSERVATION AND SWIMMING COMMITTEES, AND USED DRAWINGS OF THE SITE AND THE PROPOSED POOL MADE BY ARCHITECT NORMAN DAY, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, NOW OF LENOX. THE POOL IS LOCATED ACROSS THE PASTURE LAND FROM TYRINGHAM ROAD SOUTH OF THE TOWN AND NEAR SHACKER BROOK.

ON DECEMBER 28TH A HEAVY SNOW-STORM OF ALMOST BLIZZARD PROPORTIONS HIT THE BERKSHIRES AND TYRINGHAM WAS PRACTICALLY THE ONLY COMMUNITY TO KEEP ITS ROADS CLEARED UP, THE RESULT OF FRED LORING WITH RICHARD LORING AND TOMMY FENNELLY STAYING ON THE JOB FOR 36 HOURS STRAIGHT! SOME CREW!

CHARLIE JOHNSON HAS BEEN ELECTED AS CHM OF THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE, PETER CURTIN, SECRETARY. MRS. RICHARD BIRKETT IS THE THIRD MEMBER. BY THE WAY, MRS. GILDER (ANN) PALMER IS THE MUSIC TEACHER FOR TYRINGHAM SCHOOL, A MOST FORTUNATE BREAK FOR MRS. WELCH AND THE YOUNGSTERS.

FIRE CHIEF WILLIS HALE IS CONVALESCING AT HIS HOME AFTER AN EMERGENCY OPERATION AT PITTSFIELD GENERAL HOSPITAL, WHICH RESULTED IN THE REMOVAL OF 2/3 OF HIS STOMACH. HE IS DOING WELL. MRS. ARTHUR GILMORE IS AT THE DALTON CONVALESCENT HOME AFTER HAVING A CATARACT REMOVED FROM HER RIGHT EYE AT PGH.

DEPUTY CHIEF, EVERETT FENNELLY OF THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ACTING AS CHIEF IN THE ABSENCE OF CHIEF HALE.

IRMA CLARK HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE TYRINGHAM CIRCULATION ----WHOOPS -- TYRINGHAM TOPICS CIRCULATION STAFF AS OUR CIRCULATION IS NOW UP TO 300 AND MRS. LARRY CERNIK NEEDED ASSISTANCE.

MRS. PERCY STANTON, SOJOURNING IN FLORIDA, IS EXPECTED HOME BEFORE EASTER.

MRS. MARY CURTIN WAS SOLOIST FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN LEE ON A CHRISTMAS TV PROGRAM.

MR & MRS JAMES CURTIN HAVE PURCHASED AND MOVED INTO THE FORMER PETER CURTIN HOME AND MR & MRS PETER CURTIN AND FAMILY ARE ALL SETTLED IN THEIR NEWLY BUILT HOME NORTH OF THE CENTER OF TOWN. THE HOUSE WAS BUILT BY ROBERT CLARK AND ROBERT CARTY, KNOWN AS THE "BEAVER BUILDERS" THE NAME OF THEIR FIRM.

MR & MRS. EVERETT FENNELLY HELD A HOUSE-WARMING IN THEIR NEW HOME IN FEBRUARY.

A NEW-COMER TO TYRINGHAM IS MISS ALICE THAIN OF NEW YORK CITY WHO HAS PURCHASED THE HOUSE RECENTLY BUILT BY CHARLES SLATER DIAGONALLY OPPOSITE THE EVERETT FENNELLY'S.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, REPORTS THAT CONTRARY TO THE REPORT OF LOTS OF MUMPS STRIKING TYRINGHAM LAST JANUARY, THERE WERE NONE. SHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SHE KNOWS OF ONE OR TWO CASES OF "WUMPITIS"!

MRS. JOHN CURTIN, CHM OF THE RED CROSS DRIVE IN TYRINGHAM THIS MONTH (THE GOAL IS $325.) HAS APPOINTED MRS. DONALD DAVIS, MRS. KATHLEEN VANORMAN AND MISS CAROLYN CANON TO DIRECT THE LOCAL CANVASS. DURING 1967, ACCORDING TO THE RED CROSS, 19 PINTS OF BLOOD WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. AND A SUMMER SWIMMING [illegible] PROGRAM WAS CONDUCTED.

Mrs. Charles Sla[illegible]as been appointed as Tyringham correspondent for our favorite d[illegible]ily newspaper, THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE.

Paul Shafiroff of Tyringham, living in what was once the Swart house, has been appointed to the Williamstown Police Force. He has qualified for New York and Connecticut State Police and is an officer in the Mass. National Guard.

Charles Slater has been elected president of the Berkshire local of the Dairymen's cooperative Association, which is made up of 46 dairymen from Berkshire County and Canaan, N.Y, He was recently cited at the Annual University of Mass. Dairy Farmers' Seminar for production achievement on his Tyringham farm. He received a plaque and $50. as the dairyman whose herd averaged in the most recent testing year the greatest increase over the two preceding years of any Massachusetts dairymen whose herd is on test.

Larry Cernik of this town and George L. Bernard of Pittsfield, two long-time employees of the well-known and respected firm of R.E.Allen Co., have purchased the electrical appliance dealership and commercial refrigeration firm from Mrs. Ray E. Allen, widow of the founder. Mr Cernik says the firm name will be changed to Berkshire Electrical Appliances, Inc. Mr. Cernik will be President and Mr. Bernard, Vice-President and Mrs. Cernik will be Treasurer. The office and show-room at 64 West Street, Pittsfield and its Lee building, including warehouse, stock room, showroom and garage, situated at 19 Franklin Street, Lee, behind the Library will both be maintained. "The Frigidaire franchise held by the company since 1930, will be transferred to the new corporation and all the R.E.Allen warranties will be honored.

As for our frequent visitor to Tyringham, Mrs. Elmer Birkett, mother of Richard Birkett, Sr. Jerusalem Road, she celbrated her 94th birthday March 10th in her home in Ferrisburg, Vt. the sincere congratulations of TYRINGHAM TOPICS to Mrs. Birket and may she one day be celebrating her 100th!

WELCOME HOME and our thanks and appreciation to Sp/5 Bruce Logan of the U.S.Army and Sgt. Dennis Curtin of the U.S.Marines for their service to their country. Both are veterans of Vietnam. Now they are civilians again and we are happy for them and their families, proud of them beyond expression! Two Tyringham boys are still in the Armed Forces -- Dennis Whalen (PFC in the Army) and in Vietnam, A/1c Donald Davisat Lackland, AFB, Texas.

FORMER TYRINGHAMITES:- Sp/4 Edward Viner, back from Vietnam and in Lee; A/1c Benjamin Loring of Otis, expected home from Okinawa in April; M/Sgt George S, VanOrman of Lee is in Alaska; S/Sgt Dudley VanOrman of Lee in Spain, both VanOrmans being in the Air Force. M/Sgt Douglas McCarthy, Air Force, Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Pvt. Frank Armstrong of Lee, now in Vietnam near Long Binh.

TYRINGHAM TOPICS would like to compile a ROLL OF HONOR for the record. To be eligible service would have to be in accordance with the government designation of "Viet-nam era veteran" which are those veterans who have served in the Armed Forces after August 5, 1964. They do not have to be over-seas veterans. We're working on it. More later. Suggestions welcomed!

Yours for Tyringham,
FLC

P.S. We are happy to say that Mr John Gaisford is greatly improved.

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SUMMER LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

A BEAUTIFUL SPRING WE HAD IN THE BERKSHIRES AND SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE IN FULL BLAST. THE TREES ARE FULLY-LEAVED, THE GARDENS ARE MOST LY PLANTED, SCHOOLS ARE CLOSING AND MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, HAS REMOVED HER "WOOLIES"!SOON OUR SUMMER FRIENDS WILL BE RETURNING AND IT WILL BE SO GOOD TO SEE THEM ALL AGAIN.

EASTER SUNDAY SAW UNION CHURCH WELL-FILLED WITH AROUND 160 IN THE PEWS, THE LARGEST EASTER GATHERING FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT OUR JUNIOR CHOIR. THEY ADDED SO MUCH TO THE SERVICE AND TO EVERY SERVICE --- THESE YOUNG AND VERY LOVELY GIRLS,AND THEY WILL BE WITH US THROUGH THE SUMMER.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS CEASED FOR THE SUMMER AND CHILDREN'S DAY WAS JUNE 9TH&WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH PROUD PARENTS AND THEIR YOUNG-STERS IN ATTENDANCE. WISH WE HAD ROOM TO NAME ALL THE AWARDS MADE BUT WE DO WANT TO TELL YOU THAT MRS WILLIS HALE WAS PRESENTED A BIBLE FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. SHE HAS RETIRED FROM THE SUPERINTENDENCY AFTE 41 YEARS BOTH AS TEACHER AND THEN SUPERINTENDENT. TO MRS HALE GO THE SINCERE THANKS OF MANY, MANY CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF THE PAST 41 YRS. ON THE PRECEDING FRIDAY EVENING OPEN HOUSE WAS HELD IN THE SUNDAY - SCHOOL ROOM IN HONOR OF MRS. HALE WHEN SHE WAS PRESENTED WITH A SIL-VER BOWL, INSCRIBED WITH WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR HER LONG SERVOCE TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL, A GIFT FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, FRIENDS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL. MANY ATTENDED AND REFESHMENTS WERE SERVED. WE FEEL THAT IF THERE WERE MORE JUEL HALES IN THIS WORLD, WHO DEVOTE THEIR LIVES TO CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, IT WOULD INDEED BE A BETTER WORLD.

AS WE WRITE THIS IT IS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH BUT AS YOU READ IT, IT WILL PROBABLY BE "LAST SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH " BUT ANYWAY UNION CHURCH HAS SOME BEAUTIFUL STONE STEPS -NATIVE TYRINGHAM STONE-REPLACING THE WELL-WORN WOODEN ONES. THESE STEPS ARE THE GIFT OF DR. GULIELMA FELL ALSOP AND ARE IN MEMORY OF HER BELOVED SISTER, ELIZABETH ALSOP SHEP-ARD. THEY WILL BE DEDICATED IN AN APPROPRIATE SERVICE ON JUNE 16TH AND IT IS HOPED THAT DR. ALSOP WILL BE PRESENT. THE CHURCH GRATEFUL-LY ACCEPTS THIS THOUGHTFUL AND GENEROUS GIFT. THE STEPS ARE VERY WELL BUILT BY HARRY LORING, RICHARD LORING AND GILLY PALMER.

WE ARE ALSO VERY HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT, AT LONG LAST, OUR CHURCH IS BEING PAINTED AND WE ALL ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO THOSE THAT HAVE CON-

TRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE THIS SADLY NEEDED PAINTING DONE.

TO GIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OTHER NEEDS OF THE CHURCH, A BAZAAR IS BEING PLANNED WHICH WILL BE HELD JULY 12TH AND 13TH. THIS IS NOT TO BE JUST AN ORDINARY SALE FOR UNUSUAL ITEMS WILL BE ON HAND AT REAL BARGAIN PRICES. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED EACH DAY WITH A FOOD SALE ON SATURDAY THE 13TH AND THERE WILL BE A DOOR PRIZE. COMPLETE PLANS ARE NOT YET FORMULATED.

OUR SERIES OF PUBLIC SUPPERS START WITH OUR 13TH ANNUAL STRAWBERR FESTIVAL. DOORS OPEN AT 5.30 PM FOR THE FIRST SITTING AND THE SECOND SITTING WILL BE AT 6.30. THE NEXT SUPPER SOMETIME IN JULY WILL BE GOOD, WE CAN PROMISE YOU, BUT WHAT WE HAVE NOT YET DECIDED. THE DATE IS TUES. JUNE 25TH

THE ANNUAL HOP. BROOK-VALLEY CLUB FAIR IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY AUGUST 1ST AND THIS IS ALWAYS A WORTH-WHILE EVENT IN ITSELF AND IS USUALLY SOLD OUT FAIRLY EARLY SO COME EARLY. IT'S WEEL WORTH YOUR WHILE. HOURS OF FAIR ARE FROM 1.00-5.00 PM.

HERE WE ARE INSERTING A STATEMENT FROM THE CHURCH COMMITTEE TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM. IT IS AS FOLLOWS:-

"WE ARE ALL MOST GRATEFUL TO OUR SUMMER RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS FROM OTHER LOCALITIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH, REGARDLESS OF THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. IN OUR TIMES OF NEED FOR PAINTING OR OTHER NECESSITIES, THEY HAVE BEEN MOST GENEROUS. BUT WE ARE TRULY DISTURBED BY A NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS LISTED AS "ACTIVE", IN THEIR FAILURE TO CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING TO OUR CHURCH'S MAINTENANCE. WE NEED A CONTRIBUTION FROM EVERY ONE OF YOU, NOT ONLY AS A TOKEN OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP BUT LIKEWISE AS A SYMBOL OF YOUR LOVE OF GOD AND YOUR DESIRE TO SEE HIS HOUSE MAINTAINED AND KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION AND OUR CHURCH ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

"FOR EACH OF YOU ACTIVE MEMBERS WE PAY TO OUR STATE ORGANIZATION DUES OF $1.15. THEN, OF COURSE, ARE OUR OWN VARIOUS EXPENSES - SALARLIES, HEATING AND LIGHTING BILLS, SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS FROM TIME TO TIME THAT ARE BOUND TO COME UP.

"WE KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE JOINED OTHER CHURCHES AS YOU NO LONGER LIVE IN TYRINGHAM, BUT YOU HAVE NOT INFORMED US SO WE STILL PAY THE $1.15 FOR YOU. (TO YOU TO WHOM THIS PARAGRAPH REFERS, PLEASE NOTIFY US AT ONCE.)

"YOU HAVE EXPENSES IN RUNNING YOUR OWN HOMES BUT YOU, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, SPEND FOR OTHER THINGS, TOO, SUCH AS CIGARETTES, AND LUXURIES AND SUCH. SO WE PLEAD WITH YOU TO GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH SOMETHING AND NOT FORGET ITS NEEDS.

"REMEMBER HOW YOUR CHURCH IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP YOU IN TIMES OF NEED AND MANY ARE THE NEEDS THAT ARISE.

"WE ARE SURE THAT SOME DAY YOU MIGHT HAVE A SENSE OF REGRET AND SORROW SHOULD YOUR CHURCH GO THE WAY OF MANY OTHER COUNTRY CHURCHES AND HAVE TO CLOSE ITS DOORS BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO HELP SUPPORT IT. WOULD YOU WANT TYRINGHAM TO BE A CHURCH-LESS TOWN?"

BE NOT ALARMED IF MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, SEEMS RATHER PALE WHEN YOU MEET HER. WHAT HAPPENED? IS SHE SICK? NO, DEAR FRIENDS, MYRTLE IS QUITE WELL. MYRTLE WAS SUNNING HERSELF ON THE NEW STEPS ONE DAY WHILE THE CHURCH WAS BEING PAINTED AND THE FIRST COAT WAS BEING SPRAYED ON BEFORE MYRTLE REALIZED WHAT WAS MEANT WHEN THE PAINTERS SAID "LET US SPRAY!"

On April 4, a daughter, Kimberly Sue arrived to greet her parents Henning and Joyce Carlson of Tyringham. Three days later a daughter was born to Brian and Susan Carty Treat of Lee and she has been named Heather. Brian is a former Tyringham young man,

On May 18th a boy, Darrell, came to reside with Mr and Mrs Edward Fennelly of Tyringham. He is their second son. (Forgot to say that Mrs Fennelly's name is Diane.) Myrtle is not always as careful as she might be in reporting details of new arrivals! For instance, early in March James Yarnell Luchars arrived in New York to join the family of Mr and Mrs Robert Luchars (mother nee Margaret Olds) but Myrtle failed to know the exact date. Probably she is quite nervous as she sees two more storks hovering about!

Miss Eva Helen Sohl, daughter of Mr & Mrs George F. Sohl of Lenox was married to Richard H. Birkett, son of Mr & Mrs Richard Birkett of Tyringham on May 25th . The bridegroom formerly lived in Tyringham and has served in the Air Force for four years.

All Tyringham was saddened by the death of Mrs. Douglas (Dorothy) VanOrman Eddy who died suddenly on the evening of May 31st from a heart attack. She was born in Tyringham, the daughter of the late Chester and Hazel Granger VanOrman. She attended Tyringham School and graduated from Lee High School. She leaves besides her husband, two sons, Lynn and Neil, a daughter, Janet and three brothers, Gordon of Tyringham; Sidney, a Master Sergeant in the Air Force in Alaska; Dudley, a Staff Sergeant with the Air Force in Spain. She lived with her family at 131 Cloverdale Street in Pittsfield. The Funeral was held June 3rd in the Union Church in Tyringham with minister officiating. As a testimonial to this good Christian wife and mother and friend, the Church was filled to capacity. Her two brothers flew from Alaska and Spain to attend her funeral.

The engagement has been announced of Nancy Lois Kraszeski, daughter of Mr & Mrs Lucyan Kraszeski to William F. Jackacky, Jr son of Mr and Mrs Jackacky of Pittsfield.

Mrs. John Curtin, Chairman of the Red Cross Fund Drive in town aided by canvassers, Mrs. Gordon VanOrman, Miss Carolyn Canon, Mrs. Donald Davis and Mrs. Joseph Whalen put Tyringham over the top for yet another year, collecting a total of $341.00, including a total of $37.25 from the town, the balance being received from special fund letters. Mrs Curtin received a special commendation from the Red Cross.

Allan T. Garner suffered a very serious and painful injury in early Spring when he fell from a truck while handling bales of hay. Plainly speaking he suffered a broken neck. His son, David, the only one near him at the time, kept his head and body as still as possible until aid could be summoned. The father was rushed to Pittsfield General Hospital of the Berkshire Medical Center, kept firmly quiet for a few days, then transferred to a "circle bed" -- a round sort of thing that enables the patient to be in a vertical, horizontal or angular position without moving him on his bed. He was able to use the phone, read, write, inscribe ballads to the nurses, and was an ideal patient. He is now home and wanders around temporarily wearing a doughnut-looking collar, which must be sort of hot now and then.

Our good friend, Richard Happel of the EAGLE, wrote a column about Allan's hospitalization with a picture of our boy in his apparatus resembling a small ferris-wheel. We asked him how many miles he got on the gallon and received a glare in reply!

Welcome to Bill and Marilyn Fennelly and their young son, Parker Richard Fennelly as they come to live in Tyringham in the Fennelly house vacated by his brother Everett & family, now in a new home down the road.

And by the time this letter reaches you (in the Fall, Mr & Mrs Thomas Curtin should be in their new home being built by "Beaver Builders" (Robert Clark and Robert Carty) just south of the new Peter Curtin home. "Beaver Builders" sure put up well-built homes speedily!

Welcome, also, to Mr and Mrs Harry E. Dickson, who have purchased the former cottage of the late Mrs. Bayard James. Mr. Dickson is a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Asst. Director of the Boston Pops. (Myrtle, the Turtle, insists that the latter orchestra is made up of Boston fathers!)

Myrtle is putting on airs -- feels she is in the height of fashion as she has been wearing a "turtle-neck" for years!

M/Sgt Charles Douglas McCarthy former Tyringhamite and grandson of Mrs. Percy Stanton, and son of Mr & Mrs Chas. McCarthy of Gainesville, Florida, has graduated with honors from U.S.Air Force Non-commissioned officers' Academy in Orlando, Florida. He was one of the top ten in a class of 125 grauates. He is weather technician at Sheppard A.F.Base, Texas. Wish he'd come up here and bring us a bit of sunshine.

Benjamin Loring of Otis, formerly of Tyringham, son of Mr and Mrs Chas. Loring has been promoted to sergeant in the Air Force and is stationed at Westover Field.

PFC Dennis Whalen left Monday June 17th, to return to Viet Nam, after a furlough spent with his parents, Mr & Mrs Joseph Whalen.

PFC Frank Armstrong of Lee, formerly of Tyringham, is now over in Vietnam.

Kenneth E. Jones, son of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Jones, has enlisted in the Air Force and is stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has seen Donald Davis, A/1c, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Davis, who is also at Lackland.

To help Union Church with its painting and other expenses a Grand Bazaar is being planned for Friday and Saturday, July 12th and 13th to be held on the lawn and Community Center under the Sanctuary of the Church. Hours from 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM both days. On sale will be over 400 imported baskets of all sorts such as flower baskets, fruit baskets, hanging baskets, sewing baskets, hand-bags, picnic baskets and other sorts, all sturdy and well-made. These baskets from many foreign countries will make fine Christmas presents.

. . . . In addition, on sale, will be many usable lengths of "decorators' samples" in many colors and of 50 kinds of materials--chintz, herring-bone, embossed cloth, silks, damasks all beautiful materials suitable for drapes, young girl's dresses, boy's shirts, pillow-covers etc. Everything will be very reasonably priced and excellent bargains. Door Prize is a grand charcoal grill! Lunch will be served each day. On Saturday there will be a homemade food sale.

CONGRATULATIONS from Tyringham to Mr & Mrs Donald Bridgham of North Egremont on their GOLDEN WEDDING DAY, June 22nd!!!

A THANK YOU to Mrs. Edward Herndon for a new Church Flag replacing the present one stained by our once leaking roof.

Yours for Tyringham,
FLC

BOILING SAP FOR MAPLE SYRUP IN TYRINGHAM 'TWASN'T TOO GOOD A YEAR FOR "BILING DOWN" BUT GILLY PALMER AND HARRY LORING HAD A SWEET TIME OF IT ANYWAY!

MRS. WILLIS HALE IS PRESENTED A SILVER BOWL FOR 41 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

4-H PHOTO CLUBS OF 1968.
TOP: BRENDA VANORMAN, DAWN CERNIK, SUSAN SLATER. (STAFF)
MIDDLE: SHARON ADAMS, JUNE STEDMAN, STEVEN ADAMS, PETER CURTIN, BOTTOM:- BOBBY CLARK, RICKY LORING, KERRY CLARK, GLENN VANORMAN

THE NEW STONE STEPS OF UNION CHURCH, THE GIFT OF DR. GULIELMA ALSOP IN MEMORY OF HER SISTER, ELIZABETH ALSOP SHEPARD. THE STEPS WERE DEDICATED SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH.

GRADUATES OF 1968

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL
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BOILING SAP FOR MAPLE SYRUP IN TYRINGHAM 'TWASN'T TOO GOOD A YEAR FOR "BILING DOWN" BUT GILLY PALMER AND HARRY LORING HAD A SWEET TIME OF IT ANYWAY!

MRS. WILLIS HALE IS PRESENTED A SILVER BOWL FOR 41 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

4-H PHOTO CLUBS OF 1968. TOP: BRENDA VANORMAN, DAWN CERNIK, SUSAN SLATER. 'STAFF) MIDDLE: SHARON ADAMS, JUNE STEDMAN, STEVEN ADAMS, PETER CURTIN. BOTTOM:- BOBBY CLARK, RICKY LORING, KERRY CLARK, GLENN VANORMAN

THE NEW STONE STEPS OF UNION CHURCH, THE GIFT OF DR. GULIELMA ALSOP IN MEMORY OF HER SISTER, ELIZABETH ALSOP SHEPARD. THE STEPS WERE DEDICATED SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH.

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AUTUMN LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

WHERE DID THAT SUMMER OF 1968 GO! AS WE START THIS LETTER TO YOU ALL, THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF TYRINGHAM HAVE JOYFULLY (?) STARTED BACK TO SCHOOL. MOTHERS SEEM TO HAVE A SORT OF RELAXED LOOK AND THINGS HAVE QUIETED DOWN. EVEN MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, BASKS SLEEPILY ON A ROCK IN HOP BROOK. IT'S ALMOST TOO QUIET!

MUCH HAS HAPPENED THIS SUMMER -- OUR CHURCH AT LONG LAST HAS BEEN PAINTED AND WE HAVE A NEW CARPET IN THE VESTIBULE, AND A BRAND NEW PORCH FLOOR, TO GO WITH THE NEW STONE STEPS WE TOLD YOU ABOUT IN OUR LAST LETTER. A NEW PUMP, THE GIFT OF THE HOWARD FAMILY, IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE PUMP FURNISHES WATER TO THE CHURCH, PARSONAGE AND CEMETERY. WE COULDN'T BELIEVE OUR EARS ONE DAY WHEN MYRTLE GREETED US WITH "THEY'RE HAVING A HALE OF A TIME WITH THE NEW PUMP, GETTING IT TO WORK!" SOUNDED LIKE PROFANITY UNTIL SHE EXPLAINED THAT ARNOLD, WILLIS AND DONALD HALE HAD HAD A BIT OF TROUBLE WITH IT!?!

AS SOME OF OUR CHAIRS HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED IN THE PAST 3 OR 4 YEARS, THE CHURCH COMMITTEE HAS MADE THE RULING THAT NO CHAIRS BELONGING TO THE CHURCH SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN OFF THE PREMISES BY ANYONE EXCEPT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR ANNUAL BARBECUE. THE CHURCH HAS PURCHASED 30 SECOND-HAND STEEL-FOLDING CHAIRS PAINTED IN YALE BLUE TO REPLACE THE LOST. AND THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB HAS PURCHASED TWO DOZEN NEW STEEL CHAIRS, BEIGE IN COLOR (WHATEVER THAT IS) FOR LOAN TO USE FOR OUR PUBLIC SUPPERS. SO WE ARE NOW ALL SET FOR SEATS!

WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ON JUNE 25TH AND OUR 13TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE ON AUGUST 15TH. BY THE WAY OUR ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER IS BEING CONTEMPLATED FOR THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER SO AS TO GIVE YOU ALL A "DRY-RUN" (ARMY PARLANCE) FOR THANKSGIVING DAY IN NOVEMBER. IT WILL GET YOU IN SHAPE, SO TO SPEAK, IN SPITE OF WHAT SHAPES YOU'RE IN NOW.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON A REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CHURCH FOR PRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY.

We have three births to announce of former Tyringhamites but not present residents. We have just been told that a son, Lance Scott Rubin was born to Richard and Mary Gene Smith Rubin of Tulsa, Oklahoma on October 1965. He is the grandson of Mr & Mrs Raymond Smith of Tyringham and grandson of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Knickerbocker of Tyringham. On July 9, 1968 a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Santonastasi, arrived to live with Mr & Mrs. Ronald Santonastasi, of Glen Cove, Long Island. She is a granddaughter of Mr & Mrs Willis Hale, of Tyringham. Also Keith Arthur Williams was born August 22nd (weighing in at 10lbs 4 ounces). He is the son of Albert and Karen Winters Williams of South Lee and granddaughter of Mr & Mrs Michael Winters of Tyringham and Mr & Mrs Arthur Williams of Lee. OOPS, we almost forgot -- Charles Johnson of Tyrinham is the great-grandfather.

Our Sunday School will start again on Sunday, October 1st. Mrs. VanOrman would appreciate volunteers as teachers.

On Saturday, September 14th, Nancy Lois Kraszeski, daughter of Mr & Mrs Lucyan Kraszeski will be married in St. Mary's Church, Lee to William Frank Jackacky, Jr of Pittsfield.

Mrs. Eloise Myers of Lee and Charlotte, N.C., author of the history of Tyringham, "A Hinterland Settlement" was recently honored by the Lee Chapter of the D.A.R. with the presentation of a 50-year pin. Mrs. Myers has served a historian, vice-regent and regent and in 1934 was State Regrent.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE! ---Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE will appear in our December TYRINGHAM TOPICS. It will have the usual joint greeting at the top of the page, followed by the names of all the families or individuals who wish to extend Christmas Greetings to everyone else who reads TYRINGHAM TOPICS, (Approximately 1000 individuals of all ages including past and present Tyringham folks and others as well as our boys in the Armed Forces.) We would appreciate receiving your names to appear on this page, with $1.00 per individual or family name. Please write names as you want them to appear. The proceeds received for this Greeting page enable us to give you picture pages with each issue. We would remind you that this joint greeting will mean just as much and is just as sincere as any greeting card and you will be saved the cost of cards, postage and time consumed in writing. This coming Christmas page will be our fifth annual such page and each year our list grows. PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR NAME OR NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU WONT FORGET. WE MUST HAVE THEM BY DECEMBER 5TH.

Dawn Cernik, of Mrs Stedman's 4-H Sewing-Knitting Club won 2nd prize for a sweater at the 4-H Exhibit of the Great Barrington Fair this past week. Dawn is the daughter of Mr & Mrs Earry Cernik.

The HOP BROOK CHRISTMAS FAIR is scheduled for Friday, November 15th from 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM. On their Annual Fair, Food Sale and Rummage, the Club cleared $683.36.

1st Lieut. James Boardman, son of Mrs. Darrell Davis is in Vietnam; Airman Kenneth Jones, son of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Jones enlisted last Summer and is in training at the Air Force Technical Training Center at Sheppard AF Base, Texas. It is now Master Sgt. Sid Van Orman in Alaska and he is in charge of inducing men to re-enlist. Sgt. & Mrs B. Loring leaves shortly for duty in Okinawa.

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THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL UNION CHURCH BAZAAR
of July 12 & 13, 1968

(We cleared over $960.00 for much needed improvements)

GRACE SLATER - AGNES CURTIN - JAN. STEDMAN

1. "I CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE UP MY MIND, GRACE."
2. "LET'S SAMPLE SOME-THEY LOOK SO GOOD!"
3. "WHOOPS! I LOST MY BALANCE!"
4. "I WONDER HOW THAT COLOR WOULD BECOME ME?"
5. "COME NOW -HURRY UP AND DECIDE."
6. "HAPPINESS IS TAKING IN A LOT OF MONEY!"

"NEARER MY GOD TO THEE"
DON HALE & BOB CLARK SING!

OUR 4-H CAMERA CLUB VISIT PLEASANT VALLEY SANCTUARY AS GUEST OF DR. ALSOP.
S.ADAMS - P.CHATIN - S.SLATER - DAWN CERNIK. B. VANORMA
S.STEDMAN - K. CLARK

SNAKE-CHARMER AND FRIENDS - LEFT TO RIGHT:-SHARON ADAMS, STEVIE ADAMS, BARRY LUCHARS AND HIS BROTHERS, JAMES AND ALEXANDER.
S.ADAMS- LUCHAR BOYS

MISS MARGARET CLAPP AND HER SISTER, MRS. LOIS OLDS, PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR INDIA WHERE MISS CLAPP WILL BE CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER U.S. INFORMATION SERVICE.

OUR JUNIOR CHOIR MEMBERS, WITH MRS. JANICE STEDMAN, VISIT OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE AS ~~GUESTS~~ OF MRS RUSTIN MCINTOSH. NEXT YEAR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS (OR SHOULD WE SAY "RECHOIRMENTS" WILL DETERMINE WHO QUALIFIES TO GO.

YES, OUR CHURCH BAZAAR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. WE ARE ALL VERY GRATEFUL TO MR & MRS WILLIAM LEIPZIG FOR SUGGESTING LAST YEAR THAT WE HAVE A BAZAAR, FOR THEIR HOURS OF HELP IN MAKING IT A SUCCESS BY PROVIDING THE MANY PIECES OF BEAUTIFUL MATERIALS AND THE BASKETS AND THE BARBECUE GRILL. TO HAVE TWO SUCH GRAND PEOPLE OF A RELIGION DIFFERENT FROM OUR PROTESTANT FAITH TAKE SUCH AN INTEREST IN HELPING OUR CHURCH GIVES US ALL A FINE FEELING OF BROTHERHOOD. ALL OF US, JEWS, CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS TOGETHER SHARE IN OUR BELIEF IN FATHERHOOD OF ONE GOD. SO, ON THIS WEEKEND WHEN TYRINGHAM TOPICS IS PUBLISHED, WE GREET THESE TWO SPLENDID PEOPLE ON THE JEWISH NEW YEAR, ROSH HASHANAH, AND WISH FOR THEM GOOD HEALTH, GOOD LUCK AND GOOD CHEER. BUT WHILE THESE TWO GOOD PEOPLE DID SO MUCH TO PROMOTE THE BAZAAR, THANKS FROM THE CHURCH ARE ALSO DUE TO THE BAZAAR COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF DR. AND MRS RUSTIN MCINTOSH, MRS. PERCY STANTON, MRS. GRACE SLATER, MRS JOHN CURTIN, GENERAL AND MRS MILES REBER AND ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED IN MANY WAYS OR CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY, PARTICULARLY CHRISTINE HALE WHO HELPED WITH THE MATERIALS, AND TO DONALD HALE FOR HIS HELP TO MR LEIPZIG.

THE CHURCH ALSO APPRECIATES GREATLY THE VOLUNTEER LABOR ON THE PART OF OTHER MEMBERS AND NON--MEMBERS IN VARIOUS WAYS SUCH AS PAINTING THE PARSONAGE ROOF, LAYING THE CHURCH PORCH FLOOR, WASHING THE CHURCH WINDOWS, GETTING THE PUMP TO FUNCTION, AND INNUMERABLE OTHER HELPFUL ACTSS FROM DIGGING A HOLE AND PLACING THE SEPTIC TANK AND BURYING IT TO RISKING THEIR LIVES IN THE"PEA-PICKER" TO INSPECT THE CHURCH TOWER. THUS WE SAY THANK YOU TO ARNOLD, WILLIS AND DONALD HALE, BOB CLARK, EDWARD AND EVERETT FENNELLY, DICK LORING, HARVEY CHOQUETTE, ROGER LOGAN, PETER CURTIN, KENNETH JONES, NEIL CURTIN AND HIS SON, JOHN. WE SURE HOPE WE HAVE NOT MISSED ANYONE AND EVEN IF WE HAVE, THROUGH HUMAN ERROR, SOMEONE ELSE KNOWS. WHAT A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY TO SERVE AS MINISTER WHEN PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC AND JEW WILL PITCH IN AND HELP THE LOCAL CHURCH!

OUR ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARY, THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE, HAS HAD TWO VERY INTERESTING STORIES REGARDING TWO TYRINGHAM ENTERPRISES THIS PAST SUMMER --- ONE ON HOWARD FARM AND THE OTHER ON TYRINGHAM GALLERIES. THE EAGLE HAS COME A LONG WAYS SINCE THE EDITOR OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS WAS A MERE KID IN DALTON AND READ IT AS A YOUNG SCHOOL BOY, THEN THROUGH PREP SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DAYS, TWO WORLD WARS AND OTHER YEARS OF HIS LIFETIME AND ALWAYS IT WAS NEWSY AND INTERESTING. SO ITS KINDA NICE TO SEE IT NOTING WELL THAT TYRINGHAM IS VERY MUCH ON THE MAP.

IN CLOSING WE HAVE ONE LATE NEWS DISPATCH --- THE VALLEY CLUB HAS ELECTED ITS OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR AND THEY ARE PRESIDENT, BARBARA ADAMS;VICE-PRESIDENT, DAVENA CURTIN; SECRETARY, AGNES CURTIN AND TREASURER, BETTY CERNIK. MABUHAY, LADIES!

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

FLC
(AND MYRTLE, THE TURTLE)

Season's Greetings

FROM ALL OF US LISTED HERE BELOW TO EACH OTHER AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO READ THIS PAGE:-

"MAY PEACE COME TO YOUR HOUSE AND HOME,
MAY PEACE COME TO YOU AND THOSE WHO LOVE YOU,
MAY CHRISTMAS BRING YOU PEACE, PEACE DEEP DOWN
IN THE HEART OF YOU, PEACE IN THE MIDST OF YOU."

YES, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH AND ALL OF YOU AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

MR. & MRS STETSON ADAMS & FAMILY
DR. GULIELMA F. ALSOP
WALT & ROSA ALWARD & WALT,JR.
ARTHUR & AGNES
RICHARD, GEORGIA & MARTHA BIRKETT
MR. & MRS. N.A.BOGDAN
MR. & MRS.DONALD BRIDGHAM
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM BRUNDIGE & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. DENTON BUTLER & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. ERNEST BUTLER & JESSE PIERCE
MR. & MRS. RICHARD CABRAL & FAMILY
CAROLYN G. CANON
DOROTHY B. CANON
MR. & MRS. JOHN M. CANON & JENNIFER
HENNING & CAROLINE CARLSON
HENNING & JOYCE CARLSON & FAMILY
HOWARD & BARBARA CARLSON & FAMILY
THE 7 CERNIKS
MR. & MRS. HARVEY CHOQUETTE & ROBERT
MARGARET CLAPP & LOIS OLDS
CHUCK & TERRY CLARK
DUFFY & IRMA CLARK & KERRY
MR. & MRS. GERALD CLARK & DAUGHTERS
ROBERT, PAT,WILBUR CLARK & KIDS
REV. & MRS. FRANKLIN L. COUCH
AGNES CURTIN
MR. & MRS. JAMES CURTIN & FAMILY
JOHN & DAVENA CURTIN
MR. & MRS. J. NEIL CURTIN & FAMILY
MARY & GENE CURTIN
MR. & MRS. PETER L. CURTIN & FAMILY
TOMMY & MAGGIE CURTIN
ANN & DON DAVIS & THE BOYS
MR. & MRS. JOHN K. DONALD
EVERILL DOWNS
THE DUVERNOIS IN STUART
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM DYER
DOUGLAS, JANET, LYNN & NEIL EDDY
JAMES & BEVERLY ELSENSOHN
MR. & MRS. G.JAMES FAWCETT, JOHN, DONALD & ANNETTE
EDDIE & DIANNE FENNELLY & SONS
MR. & MRS. EVERETT FENNELLY & FAMILY
MR. RICHARD FENNELLY
BILL, MARILYN & PARKER FENNELLY
MR. & MRS. LEROY FISHER
MR. & MRS. ALLAN GARNER & FAMILY
BILL & MARION GELSLEICHTER
MISS ROSAMOND GILDER
MRS. ARTHUR GILMORE
MR. & MRS. EDWARD GOLDMUNTZ & FAMILY
SANDY, ARNOLD, CATHY ANNE HAYNE
THE HALES OF SUNSET FARM
MR. & MRS. DON HALE & FAMILY
GEORGE, JEAN & DAVID HALE
ASHWELL B. HEATH & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. HERBERT HEATH & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. JOHN F. HEATH
MR. & MRS. ROY HEATH
MARY JARRETT & GLADYS SHELDON
CHARLES F. JOHNSON
MR. & MRS. KENNETH JONES & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. FRED JUDD
KEN & GRACE KNICKERBOCKER
LUCYAN & LOIS KRASZESKI, JON & ALAN
LUCA & EUGENE LEHNER
ROSE & BILL LEIPZIG
ROGER, RUTH & BRUCE LOGAN
MR. & MRS. CHARLES LORING,SR. RUSS & BEN
MR. & MRS. FRED LORING
HARRY & OLIVE LORING
MR. & MRS. JOSEPH LORING & SON
MR. & MRS. RICHARD LORING & FAMILY
TUNK & DEDE LORING, RHONDA, ELAINE,CHUCK.
BILL & DOROTHY LUNT
ORLIN & CORINNE LUNT & MOM
SHERRY & STEVEN LUNT
MR. & MRS. ROBERT MASKIN & FAMILY
CHARLES & ISABEL MCCARTHY
M/SGT. & MRS. DOUGLAS MCCARTHY, DEBBIE & SUSAN
WARD MCCARTHY
DR. & MRS. RUSTIN MCINTOSH
KATHERINE & JOHN MCLENNAN & DAUGHTERS HOLLY, ANGELICA,SUSIE, JUDY, MOO & JENNIFER
MARIE S. MOORE
CHRIS & ANNE MOFFETT, JONATHAN & SAM
MYRTLE, THE TURTLE
MRS. FRANCESCA GILDER PALMER
MR. & MRS. GILDER PALMER & FAMILY
KAY, LISA, TONIO & HELENA PALMER
DR. & MRS. JOHN PAPPENHEIMER & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. GEORGE PICKEN
MR. & MRS. EDWARD F. PIERCE & FAMILY
REUBEN C. PIERCE
MR. & MRS. EDWARD POTHUL & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. JEFFREY POTTER
P. W. PURSELL
GENERAL & MRS. REBER & PEGGY
MR. SAMUEL REBER
TOOTIE, FRED, MARTHA & JAMES REED
MR. & MRS. JOHN S. RUDD
LORD & LADY SALTER
MR. & MRS. EUGENE SCHNELL
KATHERINE SCHOTS
DR. & MRS. EDWARD SHEPARD & FAMILY
CHARLES & LIZ SLATER & FAMILY
MRS. GRACE SLATER
GENE & MARY SMITH
ISABELLE & PERRIN STANTON
JANICE & JUNE STEDMAN
MR. & MRS. F.W.THOBER
MR. & MRS. ASHER TREAT
MISS MARLIS TANNER
BETTY, EDDIE, JANE, LINDA, KIMBERLEY & DIANNE TWING
HELEN & EDDIE TWING
TONI, JERRY & NANCY TWING
MR. & MRS. GORDON VANORMAN & FAMILY
MR. & MRS. LOUIS WEITZMAN
MR. & MRS. JOSEPH WHALEN & FAMILY
RICHARD & BEV WHITE & BOYS
MR. & MRS. BURT WILLIAMS
MR. & MRS. KENNETH WINTERS
MR. & MRS. MICHAEL WINTERS
ANNA WOODWARD

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DECEMBER 1968
WINTER LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

GREETINGS TO YOU ALL IN AND FROM SNOW-LESS TYRINGHAM AS THIS IS BEING WRITTEN (DECEMBER 8TH.)BUT SNOW IS IN THE AIR AND WE ARE PROMISED A WHITE CHRISTMAS. HEREWITH IS OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE. MANY SENT THEIR GREETINGS BY MAIL, TWO FROM AS FAR AWAY AS DELHI, INDIA. THANKS TO MRS. JOHN CURTIN MANY LOCAL FOLKS WERE CONTACTED.

CHRISTMAS DAY THIS YEAR, AS YOU DOUBTLESS KNOW, COMES ON WEDNESDAY. WE WILL HOLD OUR REGULAR CHRISTMAS SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AT 11.00 AM, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND AND OUR CUSTOMARY CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE THAT EVENING, STARTING AT 7.30. OUR JUNIOR CHOIR WILL HAVE A PROMINENT PART IN THE SERVICES AND THEIR YOUNG VOICES ADD SO MUCH TO OUR CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE. OUR HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL MUSIC TOWER WILL PEAL FORTH CHRISTMAS CAROLS PRIOR TO BOTH SERVICES. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION THAT DAY SO THAT FAMILIES MAY ATTEND TOGETHER.

NEW YEAR SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON JANUARY 5, 1969 WITH A COMMUNION SERVICE AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS EITHER BY LETTER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH. ANYONE WISHING TO UNITE WITH THIS CHURCH, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

WE HAVE TWO BIRTHS TO ANNOUNCE THIS TIME. A DAUGHTER, BOBBY JO, WAS BORN TO MR & MRS GERALD CLARK IN SAN MIGUEL, CAL. ON OCTOBER 17TH, THEIR SECOND DAUGHTER. GRANDPARENTS ARE MR. & MRS "DUFFY"CLARK OF TYRINGHAM. GREAT-GRAND-PAPPY IS WILBUR CLARK, DUFFY'S DAD.

APPARENTLY SENSING THAT IF SHE WANTED TO GET HER NAME ON OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE, ANNETTE DUMAUX FAWCETT HUSTLED INTO THE WORLD JUST THE DAY BEFORE THE LISTINGS WERE CLOSED. HER PARENTS ARE MR & MRS JAMES FAWCETT OF TYRINGHAM (FERNSIDE). THEY ALSO HAVE TWO SONS, JOHN & DONALD. THE TYRINGHAM GRAND-PARENTS ARE MR AND MRS JOHN RUDD. (MYRTLE, THE TURTLE KNOWS OF ANOTHER INFANT EXPECTED ANY TIME NOW, BUT TOO LATE FOR THIS YEAR'S GREETING PAGE.) IN REPLY TO ANY QUESTION QS TO IDENTITY, MYRTLE WILL SAY "NO COMMENT.)

ANYONE WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE A GIFT TO ANY YOUNGSTER FROM A DAY OLD TO 12 YEARS INCLUSIVE, MAY DO SO BY CONTACTING MRS. LARRY CERNIK THE GIFT WILL BE PLACED ON THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

On October 6th Darrell Gideon Shattuck Fennelly, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fennelly (b 5/18/68 and Keith Arthur Williams, (b 8/22) son of Mr & Mrs Albert Williams were baptized in Union Church.

On September 28th, in Union Church, Joseph Loring of Otis, son of Mr & Mrs Charles Loring, Sr and Evelyn Rorabacck of Sandisfield were married in our Church.

Along with happy news we have to write about from time to time, comes the sad and many of us were, indeed saddened by the death of Rudd H. Truax, 39, of New York and Tyringham. In the Summertime, until his illness he was a regular attendant at our Church services. His funeral service took place in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York on the morning of September 28th and his burial service was that afternoon in the Tyringham Cemetery, conducted by the local minister. A large group of Tyringham people attended the committal service, a testimonial of the affection Tyringham people had for this beloved Summer resident. He leaves his widow, the former Elizabeth Mitcham, his parents; Mr & Mrs R. Hawley Truax, of New York and Tyringham, a daughter, Alice; and two sons, Hawley and Charles. As a memorial friends from Tyringham and New York contributed the sum of $65. to our Church which meant so much to this dear friend.

Hearing of the mysterious loss of a number of our folding chairs that had been "borrowed" but not returned, leaving us in short supply, the First Congregational Church of Dalton, has presented the Union Church in Tyringham with 65 wooden folding chairs in A1 condition. Our sincere thanks to the Dalton Church for its thoughtfulness and generosity. (Your minister and his wife were both baptized in the Dalton Church and married there. She sang in the choir but he did not (his voice resembles that of a frog) But he was a Deacon and Sunday School teacher there and came directly from that Church to Tyringham in 1952.

The Hop Brook Community Club cleared $219.95 from their Annual Christmas Fair and Food Sale.

Well, the deer season is over and about a dozen hunters, more or less from Tyrimgham bagged a deer. All their names are not available but we MUST mention one, Miss Alice Hale. On Thanksgiving Day November 28th, she was released from Pittsfield General Hospital, (of the Berkshire Medical Center) after a stay of over a week therein. On the following Monday she went out and bagged a deer!!! I am sure that the English poet, Shelley, must have been writing about a girl like our Alice when he exclaimed "Hale, blithe spirit!"

Mrs. Emily Welch, our Tyringham School teacher, has been in Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington for over three weeks but is expected to be discharged soon after recovering from a very near attack of pneumonia. She will be unable to stage the school's usual Christmas entertainment but the School Committee is making plans to hold it, as we have said, on the 20th. In Mrs. Welch's absence, Mrs. Kenneth Jones, assisted by Mrs. Gordon VanOrman have been filling in for Mrs. Welch, who has hopes of returning after the Christmas vacation.

Myrtle, the Turtle, is all upset. She saw a picture of a young boy who had swallowed a turtle. She thought it must have made the poor turtlesick and she wont go near any boys now!

SIGN ON THE FRONT OF THE NEW DORMITORY FOR WOMEN. NAMED AFTER DR. MILLICENT McINTOSH ON THE DAY IT WAS DEDICATED AT KIRKLAND COLLEGE IN CLINTON, N.Y.

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL CHILDREN LED BY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, VISIT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR OF THE HOP BROOK CLUB.

K. CLARK B. CLARK D. CURTIN
TEACHERS (BACK) K VANORMAN - B. JONES

ANOTHER VIEW OF McINTOSH HALL

(PLEASE SEE STORY ON PAGE 5

RE-ROOFING OF THE CHURCH. ARNOLD HALE SENDS BUNDLES OF SHINGLES UP TO ROOFERS ON A CONVEYOR.

D. CERNIK JUNE + JANICE STEDMAN

LEFT:- JOINT EXHIBIT OF TYRINGHAM'S 4-H KNITTING AND CAMERA CLUBS AT HOP BROOK FAIR. READING RIGHT TO LEFT:- MRS JANICE STEDMAN, JUNE STEDMAN AND DAWN CERNIK.

BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF OLD ROOF HAD TO COME OFF. SEVERAL LAYERS OF ANCIENT ROOFING AND A HOLE WERE UNCOVERED.

THEN THE SHINGLES WERE LAID

ONE OF THE WOMEN (UNIDENTIFIED FOR SAFETY OF THE EDITOR) LEAVES WARMTH OF KITCHEN TO RAKE UP.

SCENES OF THE REMOVAL OF OLD ROOFS OF UNION CHURCH AND LAYING OF NEW BY VOLUNTEERS ON TWO SATURDAYS LAST OCTOBER. (PLEASE SEE PAGE 5)

LEFT:- ROGER LOGAN AND TOMMY CURTIN CLEAR THE GROUNDS OF OLD SHINGLES AND ALLAN GARNER TRUCKS THEM OFF.

THE VALLEY CLUB'S TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF, HALLOWEEN NIGHT CANVASS PRODUCED $42.68 WHICH WAS BEEN GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1969 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER, AT 7.30 PM. CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF OUR CHURCH WILL BE VOTED ON. EVERY MEMBER, ACTIVE OR ASSOCIATE SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND.

YEARS AND YEARS AGO IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR THE MEMBERS OF A CHURCH TO GET TOGETHER NOW AND THEN AND MAKE REPAIRS ON THEIR CHURCH OR PAINT IT. SUCH EVENTS IN THESE HECTIC TIMES ARE UNUSUAL. HENCE WE ARE VERY HAPPY AND PROUD TO TELL YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST OCTOBER ON TWO VERY CHILLY SATURDAYS.

OUR CHURCH ROOF WAS IN A VERY BAD CONDITION. IT COULD EASILY HAVE SPRUNG LEAKS GALORE THAT WOULD HAVE RUINED THE REPAINTED INTERIOR DONE IN 1965 BY THE MEN OF THE CHURCH. A NEW ROOF WAS BADLY NEEDED. CONTRIBUTIONS WERE SOUGHT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS AND, THANKS TO TOWNSPEOPLE AND OUR SUMMER RESIDENTS, AND OUR BAZAAR OF LAST SUMMER, THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN CARE OF. BUT TO HIRE LABOR TO DO THE ROOF WOULD HAVE COST A TREMENDOUS SUM. WELL, WE NOW HAVE A BRAND NEW AND LONG-LASTING ROOF THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS OF TYRINGHAM WHO UNDERTOOK THE TASK, INSPITE OF BITTER COLD AND A BIT OF CHILLY RAIN AND WIND. THESE MEN, SOME MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH, SOME MEMBERS OF OTHER CHURCHES, SOME NOT MEMBERS OF ANY CHURCH BUT EVERY ONE OF THEM A MAN WHO, DEEP IN HIS HEART, REVERED GOD AND WANTED TO SHARE IN PRESERVING HIS HOUSE. THESE MEN TORE COMPLETELY OFF THE OLD ROOF AND PUT ON A NEW ONE THAT SHOULD LAST FOR MANY, MANY YEARS.

IT WAS MOST INSPIRING TO WITNESS AND WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE DEEP GRATITUDE OF OUR CHURCH FOR WHAT THEY DID. WE WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW ABOUT IT AND WE WOULD PAY TRIBUTE TO THE FOLLOWING:-

ROBERT CLARK	ROGER LOGAN	ALLAN GARNER	NEIL CURTIN
ARNOLD HALE	GEORGE HALE	DUFFY CLARK	DONALD HALE
GILLY PALMER	DICK FENNELLY	WILLIS HALE	EVERETT FENNELLY
EDDIE FENNELLY	MIKE WINTERS	KEN WINTERS	JOHNNY CURTIN
RICHARD LORING	TOMMY CURTIN	KEN JONES	JACK COTY (OF LEE)

SERVING A HOT DINNER EACH DAY TO THE MEN WERE PAT CLARK, IRMA CLARK, JANICE STEDMAN, MARY GARNER AND BARBARA ADAMS.

THE HOP BROOK CLUB AND THE VALLEY CLUB CONTRIBUTED TOWARSS ROOF. MAY WE ADD ALSO THAT THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WOULD HAVE HELPED BUT WERE PREVENTED BY ILLNESS.

WE ARE SURE, TOO, THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS INDEED WELL PLEASED.

A GREAT HONOR HAS COME TO A RESIDENT OF TYRINGHAM AND TO OUR TOWN AS WELL. A NEW DORMITORY IN THE NEW KIRKLAND COLLEGE, WHICH OPENED ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST SEPTEMBER, HAS DEDICATED ONE OF ITS THREE NEW DORMITORIES TO MILLICENT C. MCINTOSH OG TYRINGHAM, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF BARNARD COLLEG AND ONE OF THE FOREMOST EDUCATORS IN THE COUNTRY. KIRKLAND COLLEGE IS A "WOMEN'S COORDINATE" OF 156-YEAR-OLD HAMILTON COLLEGE, IN CLINTON, N.Y. (SEE PICTURES ON OTHER PAGE) THE DEDICATION OF THE BUILDING WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO MRS. MCINTOSH, ONE OF THE FIVE ORIGINAL INCORPORATORS OF KIRKLAND COLLEGE AND IS NOW VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COLLEGES BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IN ANNOUNCING THE DEDICATION OF MCINTOSH HALL, PRESIDENT SAMUEL F. BABBITT, KIRKLAND PRESIDEMT, SAID, "BEYOND HER PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION, MRS. MCINTOSH EPITOMIZES IN HER OWN LIFE, BY THE SUCCESSFUL COMBINATION OF HOME, FAMILY AND CAREER, THAT FULFILLMENT OF POTENTIAL WHICH KIRKLAND SEES AS THE TRUEST ROLE FOR WOMEN."

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, FEELS VERY SELF-IMPORTANT. WHILE OUR ASTRONAUTS WERE OUT IN SPACE RECENTLY ON THEIR LONG DAYS OF TESTING THIS AND THAT, ONE OF THEM JOKINGLY BROADCAST TO THEIR COMRADES ON THE GROUND "ARE YOU A TURTLE?" MYRTLE WAS SO THRILLED. SHE THOUGHT THEY SAID "HI, MYRTLE THE TURTLE!" SUCH EGOTISM! THEN SHE WENT ON TO BOAST THAT TWO OF HER COUSINS FROM RUSSIA HAD CIRCLED THE MOON ALREADY!

WELCOME TO TYRINGHAM TO THE GOLDMUNTZ FAMILY OF SCARSDALE WHO HAVE PURCHASED THE FORMER HOLLOWAY HOME ON FERNISDE AND THE BROWN FAMILY OF NEW YORK WHO BOUGHT THE FORMER SWART HOUSE JUST OVER THE LINE FROM LEE.

MODERATOR CHARLES SLATER, AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWN TO APPOINT A 3-MAN REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE, HAS APPOINTED SCHOOL COMMITTEEMAN CHARLES JOHNSON, DR. MILLICENT MCINTOSH AND ALAN T. GARNER, NOT EXACTLY A 3-MAN COMMITTEE BUT AN EXCELLENT CHOICE JUST THE SAME.

POSSIBLY YOU HAVE READ OF THE DEATH OF A FREQUENT VISTOR TO TYRINGHAM, WENDELL COREY, 54, A CHARACTER ACTOR, WHO RECENTLY DIED IN WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA. HE HAD BEEN IN FILMS NEARLY 40 YEARS AND ON TV, 21 YEARS. ON HIS VISTS TO TYRINGHAM, HE STAYED OVER ON LOST FARM.

THE TOWN'S SWIMMING POOL IS NOW COMPLETED. THE POND COVERS 7/10THS OF AN ACRE IN AREA AND IS NINE FEET DEEP AT THE DEEPEST POINT. IT IS ON A 3½ ACRE TRACT DONATED TO THE TOWN BY WALTER HOWARD AND IS OFF THE MAIN ROAD, A BIT SOUTH OF CURTIN'S STORE, NEAR THE FORMER HOME OF MR & MRS ERWIN DUVERNOIS, WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MODERNIZED BY ITS RECENT PURCHASER , SHIRLEY'S REALTY OF LEE.

A SALUTE AND WARMEST CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE FOLLOWING MEN SERVING THEIR COUNTRY IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD:-

PRESENT TYRINGHAM

DONALD DAVIS AND KENNETH JONES IN TEXAS (AIR FORCE)
DENNIS WHALEN IN VIETNAM (ARMY)

FORMER TYRINGHAM

SID VANORMAN IN ALASKA (AIR FORCE)
DUD VANORMAN IN SPAIN (AIR FORCE)
FRANK VINER, MAGUIRE AFB IN NEW JERSY. (AIR FORCE)
FRANK ARMSTRONG IN VIETNAM (ARMY)
BENJAMIN LORING IN OKINAWA (AIR FORCE)
DOUGLAS MCCARTHY, TEXAS (AIR FORCE)

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MAY 1969 BRING PEACE TO OUR WORLD.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

F.L.C.

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SPRING LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

THEY SAY THAT SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. SOME CORNER! WE ARE WRITING YOU THIS MORNING FROM OUR IGLOO AND SOON OUR FAITHFUL SLED-DOGS,(WE CAN'T AFFORD A SNOWMOBILE)WILL CARRY THIS LETTER TO IRMA CLARK, WHO WITH FROZEN FINGERS, WILL TRY AND GET IT TO MARY CURTIN FOR MAILING, IF SHE CAN GET OUT OF HER UPSTAIRS WINDOW, THE FRONT DOOR BEING BARRICADED WITH A DRIFT. (AT LEAST THAT'S THE WAY IT ALL SEEMS!) OR PERHAPS BY THE TIME WE GET TO MAILING, THE MELTING SNOW WILL HAVE CHANGED OUR VALLEY INTO A SMALL OCEAN AND TRANSPORTATION WILL HAVE TO BE BY BOAT ---(OR VOLKSWAGEN, THE CAR THAT CAN RUN UNDER WATER!) ANYWAY, IT HAS BEEN AND STILL IS SOME WINTER!

IN CASE YOU GOOD PEOPLE WHO ARE WITH US IN SUMMER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SOME STATISTICS, IN JUST ONE SNOWFALL OF THE THREE BIG ONES, TYRINGHAM GOT FROM 18 TO 24 INCHES, DEPENDING UPON WHOM YOU'RE TALKIN TO. THE ROADS WERE IMPASSIBLE ALL OVER BERKSHIRE COUNTY, FOR THAT MATTER. SOME SAY IT WAS THE WORST STORM, (THE ONE OF FEBRUARY 9TH AND 10TH, SINCE 1947. SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED MUCH TO THE SORROW OF THE YOUNGSTERS (?) AND MOTORISTS WERE STRANDED ON THE TURNPIKE AND OTHER HIGHWAYS. BUSINESSES WERE CLOSED AND THE GENERAL ELECTRIC PLANT IN PITTSFIELD WAS CLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 60 YEARS, ACCORDING TO A FORMER EMPLOYEE NOW RETIRED.

FACED WITH POSSIBLE FLOODING, ROGER LOGAN, TYRINGHAM'S CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR HAS A REAL PROBLEM.

TO CAP IT ALL, POOR MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, HAS BEEN SNOWED UNDER AND AS WE WRITE THIS, HASN'T BEEN SEEN AROUND TOWN.

BUT TO GET BACK TO WHERE WE LEFT OFF IN OUR LAST LETTER TO YOU, JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS, OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN THE MORNING AND OUR CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL SERVICE IN THE EVENING WERE HELD ON DECEMBER 22ND, SQUEEZED IN BETWEEN STORMS AS WE COULD HOLD NO SERVICES ON THE 15TH AND 29TH OF DECEMBER DUE TO HEAVY SNOWS. BUT SANTA CLAUS MANAGED TO MAKE IT FOR THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE TOWN HALL.

BESIDES THE ONSLAUGHTS OF WINTER, TYRINGHAM WAS RIGHT IN STYLE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY CAME DOWN WITH THE HONG KONG OR OTHER SORTS OF FLU.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION CHURCH WAS HELD JANUARY 8TH WITH THE FOLLOWING BEING ELECTED FOR 1 YEAR TERMS:- ARNOLD HALE, MODERATOR; ALICE HALE, CLERK; TREASURER, JANICE STEDMAN; AUDITOR, GEORGE HALE; SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, KATE VANORMAN; ASST. S.S. SUPERINTENDENT, IRMA CLARK. ELECTED FOR 2 YEAR TERM AS MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF CHURCH COMMITTEE, FRED JUDD; ELECTED FOR 3 YEAR TERMS, DEACONESS CORINNE LUNT; DEACON, ROGER LOGAN; TRUSTEE, JUDY REBER; ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, KENNETH JONES; FINANCE COMMITTEE, JUDY REBER. OUR BY-LAWS ARE BEING REVISED IN ORDER TO BROADEN AND IMPROVE THE CONDUCT OF CHURCH BUSINESS. IN EVERY CHURCH THERE IS THE NEED TO REVIEW THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AS WEAKNESSES ARE BOUND TO BE DISCOVERED AS THE YEARS GO BY. OUR LAST BY-LAWS WERE PUT IN OPERATION IN 1954. A SPECIAL MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE WILL BE CALLED TO PASS UPON THE SUGGESTED NEW REGULATIONS, APPROVING THEM OR DISAPPOVING OR MAKING OTHER CHANGES.

ONCE IN A WHILE WE GET A QUERY AS TO WHY SOMEONE IS NOT GETTING THEIR COPY OF THIS NEWS-LETTER. IN MOST CASES IT IS BECAUSE THEIRS IS A NEW ADDRESS AND THEY FORGOT TO NOTIFY US. TYRINGHAM TOPICS IS ALWAYS MAILED IN A RUBBER-STAMPED RETURN ADDRESS IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER OF THE ENVELOPE SO POSSIBLY YOU THOUGHT IT WAS A CIRCULAR FOR SOME METHOD OF REDUCING OR AN AD FOR RECORD CLUBS. IT IS NEVER MAILED IN THE OFFICIAL CHURCH ENVELOPE IN CASE YOU LOOK FOR IT IN ONE OF THOSE. PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR ADDRESS LISTS UP-TO-DATE.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, ROGER LOGAN, CALLS TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH THAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF FLOWERS EACH SUNDAY TO BRIGHTEN THE SERVICES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WE ARE HAPPY TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE BIRTH OF ANOTHER DAUGHTER, SUZANNE ELIZABETH, TO MR & MRS ARNOLD HAYNE ON JANUARY 23RD. SHE IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON HER CHOICE OF PARENTS, WHO LIVE IN TYRINGHAM AND MOUNT KISCO, N.Y.

A/1C DONALD DAVIS ,R. SON OF MR AND MRS. DAVIS OF TYRINGHAM GALLERIES FAME, WAS MARRIED ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, TO JEANETTE CAROLYN PETEREK DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS ALBERT PETEREK, IN CHAPEL 3, LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

ANOTHER MARRIAGE LOOMS UP WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ENGAGEMENT OF MARY CHRISTINE HALE, DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS DONALD HALE OF TYRINGHAM TO SGT. ROY RICHARD BIENVENUE, U.S.ARMY, SON OF MR AND MRS CAMILLE BIENVENUE OF LEE. CHRISTINE WILL GRADUATE IN JUNE FROM BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PLANS TO ENTER THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THIS FALL TO MAJOR IN COMMERICAL ART. THE SERGEANT, A GRADUATE OF LEE HIGH -- AS DID CHRISTINE -- IS A HELICOPTER CREW CHIEF IN THE AIR CAVALRY IN VIETNAM, COMPLETING HIS SECOND TOUR OF DUTY.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES OF ALL OF US TO MRS. CORNELIA BIRKETT ON HER 95TH BIRTHDAY, WHICH WAS MARCH 12TH. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF RICHARD BIRKETT AND LIVES WITH HIM IN HIS HOME HERE IN TYRINGHAM ON THE HOWARD FARM.

HAVING TOUCHED UPON THE HAPPY NEWS WE NOW MUST TURN TO THE SAD AND TELL YOU THAT A DEAR FRIEND OF MANY OF US HAS PASSED AWAY. GENERAL JOHN GAISFORD, 74, A RETIRED OFFICER IN THE BRITISH ARMY IN BOTH WORLD WARS 1 AND 2, DIED FEBRUARY 11TH IN NEW SMYRNA BEACH

FLORIDA HOSPITAL. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF TYRINGHAM FOR 18 YEARS UNTIL MOVING TO FLORIDA IN AUGUST OF 1967. FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS HE WAS CHIEF CHEMIST AT THE LEE LIME CORPORATION. HE WAS BORN AND EDUCATED IN GREAT BRITAIN AND WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED AT GALLIPOLI IN WORLD WAR 1. HE ALSO SERVED IN EGYPT, HONG KONG, WEST AFRICA AND IN CAIRO WHERE WAS DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE FOR THE MIDEAST. HE RETIRED FROM THE BRITISH ARMY IN 1946 AT HIS OWN REQUEST. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, HELEN, AND A SON, JOHN W. JR. MRS. GAISFORD SANG IN OUR UNION CHURCH CHOIR FOR MANY SUMMERS, AS THE FAMILY WINTERED IN FLORIDA.

ANOTHER ONE-TIME RESIDENT OF TYRINGHAM, MRS. DOROTHY HAWES SWART 73 OF CUMMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, DIED MARCH 8TH IN THE COOLEY DICKINSON HOSPITAL IN NORTHAMPTON. SHE HAD LIVED IN CUMMINGTON 15 YEARS. MRS. SWART LEAVES A DAUGHTER, MISS CAROL B. SWART OF CUMMINGTON; TWO SONS, HARRISON B. OF CUMMINGTON AND GERALD B. OF MONTCLAIR, N.J. AND TWO SISTERS, MRS. J. W. BATCHELDER OF MELROSE AND MRS. ROBERT OXTON OF WEST ROCKPORT, MAINE. A GRAVESIDE SERVICE TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON AT 2 IN THE HARLOW CEMETERY, WITH THE PASTOR OF THE UNION CHURCH IN TYRINGHAM OFFICIATING.

A TOWN MEETING, POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF THE SNOW, WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 14 AND LASTED THREE HOURS WITH 56 PERSONS TURNING OUT. THIS WAS THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND DETAILS ARE TOO LONG FOR US TO STATE HERE. THEN CAME A TOWN MEETING FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS ON FEBRUARY 18TH. THERE WAS ONLY ONE SINGLE CONTEST ON THE BALLOT AND THAT WAS FOR THE POSITION OF ASSESSOR WHICH WAS WON BY EDWARD FENNELLY. ALL THE OTHER CANDIDATES WERE RE-ELECTED. 96 CAST BALLOTS AT THE ELECTION.

LARRY CERNIK OF TYRINGHAM AND GEORGE L. BERNARD OF PITTSFIELD, OWNERS OF THE BERKSHIRE ELECTRIC APPLIANCES, INC. FORMERLY LOCATED (ITS PITTSFIELD BRANCH) AT 64 WEST STREET HAD TO MOVE ON ACCOUNT OF URBAN RENEWAL AND ARE NOW LOCATED 338 NORTH STREET IN PITTSFIELD. THEIR LEE OFFICE REMAINS AT THE SAME SPOT, 19 FRANKLIN STREET,

A SERIOUS FIRE IN THE NIGHT DESTROYED THE FRANK STRACUZZI HOME ON TYRINGHAM ROAD ON THE CORNER BY MEADOW LANE. THE UPSTAIRS FLOOR AND ATTIC WERE BADLY BURNED AND THE GROUND FLOOR FILLED WITH SMOKE. FORTUNATELY NO LIVES WERE LOST AS EVERYONE GOT OUT IN TIME.

WE CANNOT CLOSE WITHOUT TELLING YOU WHERE, APPROXIMATELY, OUR YOUNG MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY ARE:- DONALD DAVIS AND KENNY JONES IN LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS; DENNIS WHALEN IN VIETNAM; FRANK ARMSTRONG, BACK FROM VIETNAM AND IN FORT HOOD, TEXAS; BEN LORING SERVING IN OKINAWA BUT COMING HOME SOON; DOUG MCCARTHY IN TEXAS; SID VANORMAN IN ALASKA; DUD VANORMAN IN SPAIN AND BOBBY CHOQUETTE IN FORT JACKSON, S.C. (WE THINK:) WHEN WE LOOK AROUND US AND SEE OR READ ABOUT THESE CHARACTERS THAT WONT FIGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY IT MAKES YOU KINDA PROUD TO READ THE ABOVE NAMES DOESN'T IT!

ONE THING MORE -- WE'D LIKE TO COMMEND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONE SUCH A GRAND JOB IN CLEARING TYRINGHAM'S ROADS AND DRIVES. BOSTON SHOULD SEND FOR THEM. WE SPENT PART OF OUR VACATION THERE AND TALK ABOUT SNOW-COVERED SLOPPY STREETS AND SIDEWALKS!

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

FLC

THE RECENTLY RENOVATED HOME OF THE BROWN FAMILY, FORMERLY, AT ONE TIME THE SUMMER HOME OF MR & MRS GERALD SWART & FAMILY.

THE RECENTLY BUILT HOME OF MR & MRS THOMAS CURTIN.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS TYRINGHAM, SURROUNDED BY HIS ADMIRERS

BETWEEN HEAVY SNOW-FALLS THE SKATING RINK WAS CLEARED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR YOUNGSTERS.

THE BOY SCOUTS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY'S FORMER SCOUT COUNCIL GAVE RETIRING WILLIAM DYER, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, ITS RECENT EXECUTIVE, A FAREWELL RECEPTION. HEREWITH ARE THE NEW SCOUT EXECUTIVE HAROLD SPANIER OF GREAT TRAILS COUNCIL, BILL DYER (WHO IS NEVER AT A LOSS FOR WORDS AS YOU CAN SEE, AND GENERAL MILES REBER, FORMER PRESIDENT OF BERKSHIRE COUNCIL.

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SUMMER LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

SUMMER IS SURELY HERE. THE LAST FEW DAYS WERE HOT AND HUMID AND NO ONE HAD ANY PEP. BUT WE MUST GET DOWN TO WRITING YOU ALL SO HERE GOES.

WE START OFF ON A HAPPY NOTE TELLING YOU OF AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED AT THE APRIL MEETING OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE. IT SEEMS THAT AFTER THE MEMBERS HAD DULY ASSEMBLED, POMPEY, THE POLECAT DECIDED TO CHECK UP ON HIS WINTER HOME IN THE CELLAR OF THE PARSONAGE, WHERE THE COMMITTEE WAS MEETING. HIS PRESENCE WAS RECOGNIZED BY ALL AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME. THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS GRABBING OF NOSES FOLLOWED BY A SWIFT EVACUATION OF THE PREMISES LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. AND ALL IT COST POMPEY, THE POLECAT, TO GET CONTROL WAS JUST ONE SCENT!

TYRINGHAM'S POPULATION HAS BEEN INCREASED BY ONE A DAUGHTER, PAMELA DAWN WHITE WAS BORN TO TIMOTHY AND SHARON LUNT WHITE.

AND WE HAVE RECEIVED A NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DAUGHTER, SARAH DE RAPALYE MOFFETT BY MR & MRS WARREN MOFFETT OF TYRINGHAM AND BOSTON. MRS. MOFFETT, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WAS THE FORMER ANNE DORT. THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NEW ADDITION TO THE MOFFETT FAMILY WAS FEBRUARY 6, 1969.

ALSO A FORMER TYRINGHAMITE, SHAUN SMITH AND HIS WIFE HAVE A DAUGHTER, COLLEEN MARY, BORN APRIL 29TH. THE SMITHS NOW LIVE IN DALTON.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH, CHILDREN'S DAY, SUZANNE ELIZABETH HAYNE, STEVEN MICHAEL LUNT AND PAMELA DAWN WHITE AND RICHARD THOMAS WHITE JR WERE BAPTIZED. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN CONDUCTED THE MAIN PART OF THE SERVICE AND WERE JUST GREAT! (ONE LITTLE LAD, HOWEVER, WENT ON A SIT-DOWN STRIKE, BEING SOMEWHAT SHY!) WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF:- MRS. KATE VANORMAN (SUPT), MRS. IRMA CLARK, (ASST.SUPT.) MRS. JUEL HALE, MRS. RUTH HEATH, MRS. CORINNE LUNT, MRS. MARILYN FENNELLY, MRS HAZEL POTHUL, DAVID HALE AND HERBERT HEATH.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO OUR CHURCH BY LETTER ON APRIL 4TH WERE ORLIN GRANT HUNT AND SHARON LUNT WHITE.

Our Church was filled on May 31st for the funeral of Perrin Leon Stanton who died in Pittsfield General Hospital after a long illness on May 29th. He was 58 years old. He was a native and lifelong resident of Tyringham where he operated a lumber business for many years. He leaves his mother; Mrs. Percy Stanton of Tyringham, three sons, Donald of Pittsfield, Russell of Santa Ana, California and Timothy of Lenox; Two sisters, Mrs. John Curtin of Tyringham and Mrs. Charles McCarthy of Gainesville, Florida and seventeen grandchildren.

EASTER SUNDAY is always an inspiration to all who take part. Our Easter worship this year was just that although your minister and the regular Church goers knew we would be in for a shock the following Sunday when we would gaze upon many empty pews! We were! But we are grateful that we do have so very many that have some spark of love in their hearts for God that they come at least once or maybe twice a year. But in addition to the packed Church of Easter day, the Easter Music on the Holloway Memorial Chimes, calling the people to worship; the Easter Music of our lovely Junior Choir consisting of Dawn Cernik, Susan Slater, June Stedman, Ruth Heath, Nancy Garner, Deborah Loring, Nancy Heath and Kerry Clark and the sound of many voices joining in the singing of Easter Hymns, all added to our Day. Much credit for the training of our choir goes to Mrs. Lois Kraszeski and Mrs Janice Stedman, our organist & Choir Director and Asst, Choir Director, respectively. (Three devoted and faithful choir members were out of town and hence unable to be present but they deserve they mention. They were Brenda VanOrman, Jennifer Bishop and Sharon Adams.

The engagement has been announced of one of our Church members, Arthur Dyer to Agnes Elizabeth Fitzpatrick of Dalton. Mr Dyer now lives in Dalton with his parents, Mr & Mrs William Dyer. The wedding is planned for October 18th at St. Agnes' Church in Dalton.

The engagement of Maria Louise Perkins, daughter of Mr & Mrs Edward Perkins of Bethlehem, Penn and Tyringham to Nathaniel S. Prentices, son of Mr & Mrs Ezra Prentice, Jr has been announced The Prentices live in Garrison, N.Y.

Well, it's graduation time so hail and congratulations and best wishes to our Tyringham graduates:- Peter Curtin, Jr and Robert Clark, Jr and Steven Adams from our Tyringham School; Darlene Curtin, Richard Cernik, Martha Birkett, Gary Davis and Kenneth Whalen from Lee High School; Christine Hale, with a certificate of Commercial Arts from Berkshire Community College; and a former Tyringham young man, John W. Gaisford of New Smyrna Beach Senior High School, in Florida.

Myrtle, the Turtle, has just come up with the statement that she is relieved to know, in the midst of all these ultimatums and demands, that James Forman most certainly wont be coming to the pulpit of Union Church in Tyringham and demanding $100,000 in reparations!

The Tyringham School, under the guidance of Mrs. Emily Welch, put on its usual very patriotic services in honor of Memorial Day. The youngsters deserve great praise for their performance. Thanks, too, to the Lee High School Band under Mr.C. DiNuncio for its usual splendid playing. It was interesting to note that, though it thundered a bit during the service, the rain held off but came down in drenching torrents as soon as the band and marchers were all safely under cover or at home.

On the 24th of May, thanks to the kindness of Don and Ann Davis , of TYRINGHAM GALLERIES, a committee composed of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Lunt, Mrs. Picken, Mrs John Curtin and Mrs. Reber, held an Auction for the benefit of Tyringham's H op Brook Community Club. The auction was held at the Galleries and under the superb auctioneering ability of Donald Davis and Miles Reber, many items contributed by townsfolk were disposed of and Hop Brook Club cleared over $600.00.

Miss Margaret J. Reber, daughter of Major General and Mrs. Miles Reber, a Junior at Wellesley College, was named a Durant Scholar, the Wellesley citation for "highest academic achievement."

Jon Kraszeski, son of Mr & Mrs Lucyan Kraszeski, has enrolled for the Summer in the "Appalachia Program" in Waynesville, N.C. with other young future doctors sponsored by the Students American Medical Association.

The writer of this quarterly Newsletter never likes to give himself any publicity nor print any picture of himself but he feels he must publicly, through these pages, express his deep appreciation to the people of Tyringham for the "surprise" reception given him and his wife in the Community Center on Tuesday, May 20th in recognition of his serving as pastor of Union Church for 17 years. The ancient pastor received a beautiful ball-point pen in a meteorite base; his wife, a lovely pin and on the table was a beautiful cake in the form of an open Bible. Believe me, it was a complete surprise. He had always thought he could know about everything that was going on in town but his own wife and even his young friends who knew all about it kept the secret perfectly and he was astounded when he entered the drive at all the cars and then looking in upon a packed room, full of many and very dear friends. We are very grateful to a good God for directing our path to Tyringham way back in 1952.

For seventeen years too, our own Charlie Johnson has headed up the Berkshire County Association of School Committees but he is now retiring for reasons of health. He has been very active all these years in educational circles at local, county and state levels. He has been a member of the Tyringham School Committee for 21 years. (Sorry to see you step down, Charlie. You will be missed.)

The sympathy of all of us to Mrs. Charles Slater whose mother, Mrs. Elsa Blass, died June 4th in Texarkana, Texas.

UNION CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY:- If you would like to contribute to the "Mission Advance" program, please contact Mrs. Janice Stedman, the Treasurer for information.

The new Swimming Pool is in operation and we had hoped to have a picture of it in use but it is too late for publication. Sorry.

We have recently lost two families from town: Richard Dodd, his two daughters and son have moved to Lenox and Mr & Mrs Richard White and their two sons have moved to Lenoxdale.

COMING EVENTS:- Strawberry Festival, Tuesday, July 1st
Annual Bazaar, Friday & Saturday, July 11th, 12th
Hop Brook Fair, August 6th
Chicken Barbecue, August 19th

JUST AS WE WERE FINISHING THIS LETTER TO YOU ALL WE RECEIVED VERY SAD NEWS OF THE SUDDEN DEATH OF A VERY DEVOTED FRIEND OF UNION CHURCH AND OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE OF TYRINGHAM. WILLIAM BUTLER LEIPZIG, 78, DIED SUDDENLY OF A HEART ATTACK IN PITTSFIELD ON JUNE 16TH. OF THE JEWISH FAITH, HE RECOGNIZED NO DIFFERENCE IN RELGIONS WHEN IT CAME TO BEING HELPFUL TO PEOPLE OR TO ORGANIZATIONS. LAST YEAR HE HELPED PUT ON A BAZAAR FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHURCH AND HE HAD BEEN WORKING STRENUOUSLY ON THE BAZAAR FOR THIS YEAR WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 11TH AND 12TH. MRS. LEIPZIG, HIS WIDOW, HAS INSISTED WE GO ON WITH OUR PLANS AS HE WOULD WANT US TO DO SO AND THE BAZAAR WILL BE A MEMORIAL TO A BELOVED HUSBAND. BESIDES HIS WIFE, HE LEAVES TWO SONS, A STEPDAUGHTER, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THE LEIPZIGS HAVE HAD A SUMMER HOME IN TYRINGHAM FOR OVER 27 YEARS ON WEBSTER ROAD. THE FUNERAL TOOK PLACE THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH IN NEW YORK CITY.

LAST MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 16TH, THERE WAS A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER WITH THE OBJECT OF REVISING AND BRINGING UP-TO-DATE OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, THE LAST TIME THEY WERE REVISED BEING IN 1954. THE CHURCH MODERATOR, DEACON ARNOLD HALE, PRESIDED AND MAJOR GENERAL MILES REBER, AN EXPERT ON REVISING CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS FOR MANY YEARS SINCE HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ARMY, PRESENTED THE FORMER BY-LAWS BRIEFLY AND PRESENTED THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NEW, IN CLEAR AND PRECISE LANGUAGE. IN DUE TIME ALL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF THE NEWLY APPROVED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. (TOO LONG AND DETAILED FOR PUBLICATION HEREIN.) ABOUT 25 FAITHFUL MEMBERS ATTENDED THE MEETING, A CLEAR QUORUM THOUGH MANY MORE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE.

IF ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD PHOTOS OF TYRINGHAMITES OR EVENTS, FEEL FREE TO LOAN 'EM TO US. THAT PARTICULARLY GOES FOR OUR CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS, PAST AND PRESENT. WE HAD TO BORROW ONE OF THE CHIMNEY FROM A PRESENT MEMBER, THIS ISSUE.

MYRTLE, THE TURTLE, JUST DROPPED IN. SHE'S BEEN WORRYING ABOUT AN EDUCATIONAL POSITION FOR CHARLIE JOHNSON. SHE SUGGESTS HE TAKE OVER THE PRESIDENCY OF HARVARD, DARTMOUTH, CORNELL OR COLUMBIA FOR HE COULD SCARE THE LIVING-DAYLIGHTS OUT OF THE S.D.S. BY THE WAY, SOMEONE IS ALWAYS ASKING WHO MYRTLE, THE TURTLE IS. OUR ANSWER IS THAT SHE IS MYRTLE, THE TURTLE.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

FLC

P.S. P.S. MYRTLE FORGOT TO ANNOUNCE THAT A SON, DAVID MICHAEL CLARK WAS BORN TO CHARLES AND MARION BRIGGS CLARK, JUNE 14TH IN PITTSFIELD. THE GRANDPARENTS ARE MR & MRS WILBUR CLARK, JR OF TYRINGHAM AND MR & MRS RICHARD L. BRIGGS OF LEE.

WE HAVE JUST SEEN PVT. ROBERT CHOQUETTE, SON OB MR & MRS HARVEY CHOQUETTE, IS HOME UNTIL THE 11TH OF JULY WHEN HE LEAVES FOR OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, EN ROUTE TO VIETNAN.

WE MUST END ON A SAD NOTE FOR WE'VE JUST HEARD THAT MICHAEL WINTERS, A CHERISHED FRIEND OF ALL OF US, HAS JUST DIED. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, EVELYN, A SON KENNETH AND A DAUGHTER, KAREN, (MRS ALBERT WILLIAMS,) AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. HE ONCE SERVED AS SELECTMAN, WAS A MEMBER OF THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WAS A SELF-EMPLOYED CARPENTER. THE FUNERAL WILL BE AT 2.00 PM FRIDAY, JULY 27 IN UNION CHURCH.

OUR CHURCH WINDOWS GET WASHED - FIRST TIME SINCE NOAH LANDED THE ARK ON THE COBBLE, CLAIMS MYRTLE!

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A HISTORIC RELIC OF OLD TYRINGHAM STILL STANDS -- THE OLD CHIMNEY OF THE BAY STATE MILL OF WEST & BROTHER, ERECTED IN 1851.

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL GRADUATES --- PETER CURTIN, ROBERT CLARK AND STEVEN ADAMS

AT THE HOP BROOK AUCTION
"I WONDER HOW MUCH THAT WILL BRING.
V. PICKEN - G. SLATER - J. KEBER

CHILDREN'S DAY IN UNION CHURCH 1969

YOUNGSTERS SPEAK THEIR PIECES

THE CHOIR MOVES OUT A THE END OF THE SERVICE

 (PHOTOS BY DONALD CERNIK)

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AUTUMN LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

IT HAS BEEN A VERY BEAUTIFUL AND A VERY BUSY SUMMER -- AND A VERY HOT ONE AS WELL. THE WEATHER BUREAU TELLS US THAT LAST AUGUST WAS THE HOTTEST AUGUST IN 100 YEARS BUT NONE OF US AROUND THIS TOWN IS OLD ENOUGH TO VOUCH FOR THAT FROM EXPERIENCE! ALL OF YOU WHO WERE IN TYRINGHAM THIS SUMMER WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE LUXURIOUS AND BEAUTIFULLY GREEN FOLIAGE. THE TYRINGHAM VALLEY WAS AT ITS BEST!

BUT NOW THE LEAVES ARE STARTING TO FALL THOUGH NO COLOR AS YET. YOUNGSTERS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL AND MOTHERS ARE RELAXING! SO NOW IT IS TIME, TOO, TO GET OUT OUR AUTUMN LETTER ---- SO HERE GOES:-

IT WAS A VERY ACTIVE SUMMER FOR OUR CHURCH. THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ON JUNE 1ST WAS THE LARGEST EVER AND VERY SUCCESSFUL. THE ANNUAL BAZAAR ON JULY 11TH AND 12TH, SPONSORED BY OUR BAZAAR COMMITTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR UNION CHURCH CONTINGENCY FUND WENT OVER BIGGER THAN EVER AND BROUGHT IN OVER $1500.00. WHILE CREDIT GOES TO MANY WHO PITCHED IN AND HELPED WE WOULD MAKE SPECIAL MENTION OF MRS. WILLIAM LEIPZIG, TO WHOM AND HER LATE HUSBAND, THE ANNUAL BAZAAR OWES ITS COMING INTO BEING. WE WOULD ALSO MENTION THE DEVOTED AND WONDERFUL SALES ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MISS CAROLINE CANON WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SALE OF TICKETS FOR THE DOOR PRIZE OF THE $200. CHARCOAL GRILL, WHICH WAS WON BY PETER CONSOLATI OF LEE.

SUCCESSFUL ALSO WAS OUR CHICKEN BARBECUE HELD ON AUGUST 19TH AND, MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU THAT OUR ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER OF TURKEY AND ALL THE FIXINGS IS DUE ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS ON OCTOBER 5TH, PLEASE NOTE ALL YE PARENTS. (SNOOPY, CHARLIE BROWN, LUCY, LINUS AND SCHROEDER PLAN TO RETURN.)

THE HOP BROOK COMMUNITY CLUB FAIR, FOOD SALE AND RUMMAGE WAS HELD ON AUGUST 6TH, THIS YEAR IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER INSTEAD OF THE TOWN HALL -- HENCE NO STAIRS TO CLIMB, A FACT APPRECIATED BY THE MANY CUSTOMERS.

THE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER EARLY IN NOVEMBER.

ANY MINISTER IS NATURALLY QUITE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT A SERMON MESSAGE HAS BEEN ABSORBED BY SOME OF HIS CONGREGATION, AT LEAST. LAST MONTH A SERMON BY YE UNION CHURCH MINISTER DEALT WITH THE FOOLISHNESS OF COUNTING THE CANDLES ON A BIRTHDAY CAKE AND THINKING, BECAUSE THE CANDLES MIGHT BE MANY, THAT YOU MIGHT BE OLD. HE TOLD THE YOUNG GIRLS IN THE CHOIR, PARTICULARLY A 7-YEAR-OLD, TO COUNT THEIRS JOYFULLY, FOR, AS THEY GREW UP, THEY MIGHT FEEL DEPRESSED IN LATER YEARS BY TOO MANY CANDLES.

THAT THIS MESSAGE SUNK IN IS SHOWN BY THE DRAWING TO THE LEFT, MADE BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF OUR CHOIR.

SELDOM HAVE WE EXPERIENCED SUCH AN UNUSUAL COMPLIMENT TO OUR HUMBLE EFFORTS IN THE PULPIT.

THE ARTIST HAS PERMITTED US TO PUT HER INITIALS ON IT AND, IF YOU'RE REALLY SMART YOU'LL FIND HER NAME ELSEWHERE!

THE UNION CHURCH CONTINGENCY FUND HAS PRESENTED THE CHURCH WITH 8 NEW SHADES FOR THE WINDOWS OF THE SANCTUARY. THESE ARE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN KEEPING THE SUN FROM FURTHER FADING THE CARPET AND SEAT CUSHIONS AS WELL, IN THE SUMMER OF KEEPING THE CHURCH COOLER. THE FUND ALSO HAS PROVIDED A NEW VACUUM CLEANER, WHICH WAS BADLY NEEDED.

WE ARE SORRY TO ANNOUNCE THE RESIGNATION OF MRS. JANICE STEDMAN AS CHURCH TREASURER. MRS. STEDMAN HAS BEEN A DEVOTED AND CAPABLE TREASURER AND NARY A WORD OF CRITICISM HAS EVER BEEN SAID OF THE WAY SHE HANDLED THIS ARDUOUS TASK. WE ALL REGRET THAT EVENTUALLY SHE IS MOVING TO GREAT BARRINGTON. (WE'LL MISS JUNE, TOO.)

ARTHUR WILLIAM DYER, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM AND A MEMBER OF UNION CHURCH, WAS MARRIED TO AGNES ELIZABETH FITZPATRICK OF DALTON IN ST. AGNES' ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH BY THE REV , FATHER CYRIL BURNS, ASSISTED BY THE MINISTER OF UNION CHURCH. THE BRIDE IS THE DAUGHTER OF MR & MRS GORDON H. FITZPATRICK OF DALTON AND THE GROOM IS THE SON OF MR & MRS WILLIAM DYER, NOW OF DALTON BUT STILL MEMBERS OF UNION CHURCH. MR. DYER IS EMPLOYED BY SPRAGUE ELECTRIC AND MRS. DYER IS A HAIR-DRESSER. THEY ARE NOW LIVING IN WILLIAMSTOWN.

THE FUNERAL OF THELMA BALL CARLSON OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, FORMERLY OF TYRINGHAM, TOOK PLACE IN UNION CHURCH JULY 15TH WITH BURIAL IN THE LOCAL CEMETERY. SHE LEAVES HER HUSBAND, ALBERT TWO SONS, HOWARD AND ROBERT AND A DAUGHTER, JEANNETTE. WHILE IN TOWN, THE CARLSONS RESIDED ON FERNSIDE.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN TYRINGHAM

1. The Bazaar --- all sorts of baskets on display
2. A wicker elephant table went quickly at the Bazaar
3. Hob Brook Fair --- Display of Mrs. Slater's beautiful quilts,
4. The Food Sale at Hop Brook's Fair was very popular!
5. At the Fair, Dawn Cernik & Brenda VanOrman have a customer, Sharon Adams.
6. The new Tyringham Swimming Pool proves a very popular attraction this past hot Summer.

UNION CHURCH CHOIR VISITS OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE

IN PILGRIM TIMES THE PILLORIES AND STOCKS WERE PUNISHMENT FOR THE GUILTY BUT NOWADAYS EVEN THE INNOCENT ARE LOCKED IN!

THE OLD METHOD OF DYEING THREAD WAS INTERESTING TO SEE

THE OLD COVERED BRIDGE WAS A POPULAR SUBJECT FOR THE CAMERA

ABOVE PHOTOS BY DAWN CERNIK, SUSAN SLATER AND BRENDA VANORMAN

PHOTO BY ALICE HALE
4-H CLUBS CLEAN UP TYRINGHAM ROADSIDES

ARTISTS FIND UNION CHURCH A BEAUTIFUL SUBJECT TO PAINT

NOW IS THE TIME WHEN WE MUST REMIND YOU ALL THAT OUR DECEMBER TYRINGHAM TOPICS WILL INCLUDE THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE, WITH ITS USUAL JOINT GREETING AT THE HEAD OF THE PAGE IN CHRISTMAS COLORS, FOLLOWED BY THE NAMES OF THE FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO EXTEND GREETINGS OF THE SEASON TO ALL THE READERS OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS, APPROXIMATELY AT LEAST A THOUSAND OF ALL AGES, PAST AND PRESENT TYRINGHAMITES AND OTHERS AS WELL AS OUR BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR NAMES TO APPEAR ON THIS PAGE, WITH $1.00 PER INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY. PLEASE WRITE NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR. THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS PAGE ENABLE US TO GIVE YOU PICTURE PAGES WITH EACH ISSUE. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO TYRINGHAM TOPICS. WE WOULD REMIND YOU THAT THIS JOINT GREETING PAGE WILL MEAN JUST AS MUCH AS ANY GREETING CARD AND YOU WILL BE SAVED THE COST OF CARDS, POSTAGE AND TIME CONSUMED IN WRITING. THIS IS OUR SIXTH YEAR IN PUBLISHING THIS PAGE AND THE NAME LIST HAS INCREASED EACH YEAR IN NUMBER ENROLLED. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU WILL NOT FORGET. WE NEED THEM BY DECEMBER 8TH AS THERE IS A LOT TO DO TO GET THIS ISSUE OUT ON TIME.

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES TO TYRINGHAM: MR. & MRS TERRENCE CURTIN AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE COME BACK HOME TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE IN WHICH TERRY WAS BROUGHT UP; MR. AND MRS WILLARD LUNT & SON WHO ARE LIVING IN THE COTTAGE ON THE WEITZMAN ESTATE AND LIKEWISE TO MR & MRS DOUGLAS LEACH & SON WHO COME FROM LEE AND ARE MOVING INTO THE FORMER GILMORE HOUSE.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITION OF MISS JENNIFER BISHOP AS ART EDITOR OF TYRINGHAM TOPICS. NOT ONLY IS SHE A CLEVER ARTIST BUT SHE IS GIFTED WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR AND HOW MUCH THIS WORLD NEEDS HUMOR IN THESE DAYS.

SPEAKING OF HUMOR, LARRY CERNIK AND HIS WIFE, BETTY, HAD NARROW ESCAPES LAST MONTH WHEN THEIR OFFICE OF THE BERKSHIRE ELECTRIC APPLIANCES, INC IN LEE WAS INSPECTED BY ONE OR TWO OFFSPRING OF OUR OWN POMPEY, THE POLECAT. FORTUNATELY FOR THEM BOTH, THE VISIT MADE NO SCENTS AND POMPEY, JUDGING FROM THE FRAGRANCE AROUND OUR PARSONAGE HAS HIS BROOD BACK AGAIN IN TYRINGHAM.

MARY CURTIN, OUR GENIAL AND CHEERFUL POSTMISTRESS IS ON A THREE WEEK TRIP TO TURKEY, GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA. MARION WHALEN IS HOLDING THE FORT IN HER ABSENCE.

THE TYRINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVED THEIR ANNUAL BARBECUE ON AUGUST 31ST AND, AS USUAL, IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, OVER 400 BEING SERVED.

OUR CHOIR , THROUGH THE KINDNESS OF MRS. MCINTOSH, ENJOYED A VISIT TO OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE LAST MONTH, PICTURES OF WHICH APPEAR ON ANOTHER PAGE.

TYRINGHAM GIRLS BELONGING TO 4-H CLUBS WON VARIOUS AWARDS AT BOTH THE HANCOCK AND GREAT BARRIBGTON FAIRS. THE AWARDS AT HANCOCK WERE AS FOLLOWS:- DENISE CURTIN, 3RD PRIZE FOR DOLL SKIRT & BLOUSE; SHARON ADAMS, 1ST PRIZE FOR ROPE HALTER, 2ND, FOR SCARF, 3RD FOR SKIRT AND OCTKITTEN(WHATEVER THAT IS!); JUNE STEDMAN, 1ST PRIZE FOR SCARF, 4TH PRIZES FOR SEWING BOX AND BEACH JACKET; BRENDA VANORMAN, 1ST PRIZE FOR PILLOW CASE AND 4TH PRIZES FOR SEWING BOX AND SKIRT; DAWN CERNIK, 1ST PRIZE FOR PICTURE & 2ND PRIZE FOR PILLOW CASE; TYR-LEE ROUGH RIDERS CLUB EXHIBIT WON 2ND PRIZE AND DARLEEN CURTIN WON 2ND PRIZE IN SENIOR WESTERN EQUITATION AND 4TH PRIZE IN SENIOR FITTING & SHOWING. MARTHA BIRKETT WON 4TH PRIZE IN "SIT-A-BUCK.

At the Great Barrington Fair, Tyringham 4-H girls won prizes as follows:- scarf, June Stedman 2nd prize, 2nd prize for a sewing box and 3rd prize for a white dress; Dawn Cernik, 1st prize for a blue pillowcase and 2nd prize for a box lunch; Brenda VanOrman, 2nd prize for an apron and 3rd prize for a pillow.

Miss Elizabeth Alsop, who has been spending the Summer in Tyringham with the John McLennans, wrote articles for the distinguished BERKSHIRE EAGLE --- articles which she illustrated with photographs she took herself and some of which were processed in the Camera Club darkroom in the Parsonage. She is the daughter of the famous columnist, Stewart Alsop.

The Tyringham Swimming Pool and Conservation Committees are most grateful for the help given by so many to give the town a Swimming Pool --- a pool which has been extremely popular for youngsters and parents and others throughout the Summer. It is approximately 100 ft wide by 200 feet long. Two tables for picnics have been added thanks to the kindness of Edwin Twing. A permanent bridge is being constructed across a small stream and sand for the beach has arrived and will be placed on the site this Fall.

A word about the Camera Clubs --- the girls took advantage of the beautiful weather to take pictures galore, some of which appear in this issue of TOPICS. But the boys had other things to take up their time, only one boy showing any interest. However, the boys interested in photography can take it up where they left off last Springbut it is only wise to take them by twos. Two boys make a good working pair, but three or more --- well, you can't get much done in a tiny darkroom. Boys wishing to join the Camera Club may notify us in pairs and sign up for a course. The girl's camera club's regular meetings are discontinued for the Winter except for special instruction now and then.

No changes that we know about in the status and location of our service men except that Robert Choquette is now in Vietnam. We wish the parents of our Service Men would inform us of any news regarding them before our December number comes out.

YOURS FOR TYRINGHAM,

F.L.C.

P.S. Why don't you good folks who want to send Christmas Greetings through TYRINGHAM TOPICS sit right down now before you forget and send in your "entry"?

Your little friend,

Myrtle, the Turtle

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Season's Greetings

FROM ALL OF US LISTED HERE BELOW TO EACH OTHER AND TO EVERYONE WHO READS THIS PAGE:-

"May Peace come to your house and home,
May Peace come to those who love you,
May Christmas bring you PEACE, PEACE deep down
in the heart of you, PEACE in the midst of you."

A very Merry Christmas to each and all of you and a blessed New Year!

Mr. & Mrs. Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma F. Alsop
Walt, Rosa & Walt Jr. Alward
Charles H. Armstrong & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Birkett & Martha
Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Bogdan
Donald & Lillian Bridgham,
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Brown
The Brundiges
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Butler & Jesse Pierce
Mrs. Martin Butler
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cabral & Family
Caroline Canon
Dorothy B. Canon
Mr. & Mrs. John N. Canon & Jennifer
Mr. & Mrs. John Canon
Henning & Carolyn Carlson
Henning, Joyce, Michael & Kim Carlson
Howard, Barbara, Steve, Cindy, Larry Carlson
The 7 Cerniks
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Choquette & Bob
Margaret Clapp & Lois Olds
Chuck & Terry Clark
Duffy & Irma Clark & Kerry
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Clark & daughters
Robert, Pat, Wilbur Clark & Kids
Thomas Coley
Rev. & Mrs. Franklin L. Couch
Agnes Curtin
Den, Sue, & Denny Curtin
Jim, Kathy, Denise, Katy & Jim Jr.Curtin
John & Davena Curtin
Mary Curtin
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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Curtin & Sons
Terry, Marilyn, Butch, Kelly & Beth Curtin
Tom & Maggie Curtin
Ann & Don Davis & Son
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Dickson
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer W. Dodge
Mr. & Mrs. John K. Donald
Everill Downs
Art & Agnes Dyer
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Mr. Richard Fennelly & Tommy
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Fisher
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Garner & Family
Bill & Marion Gelsleichter
Mrs. Arthur Gilmore
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Goldmuntz & Family
Cindy & Arnold, Cathie & Suzie Hayne
The Hales of Sunset Farm
George, Jean & David Hale
Mr. & Mrs. Ashwell Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Heath
Roy & Candace Heath
Louise Hiscox
Rockwell & Eleanor Hoag
Mary Jarrett & Gladys Sheldon
Charles Johnson & "Buddy"
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jones & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Keating
Grace & Ken Knickerbocker
Mr. & Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski & Family
Mrs. William Larkin
Rose Leipzig
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lloyd & Family
Roger, Ruth & Bruce Logan
Charles & Beatrice Loring Sr, Russ & Benny
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Loring & Son
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loring & Family
Tunk, Dede, Rhonda, Elaine & Chuck Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lunt & Little Bill
Orlin & Corinne Lunt & Mrs Willard
Charles & Isabel McCarthy
M/Sgt & Mrs. Douglas McCarthy, Debbie & Susan
Ward McCarthy
Mr. & Mrs. Carey McIntosh
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
John & Katherine McLennan, Holly, Angelica, Susie, Judy, Moo, Jennifer & Gigi, the dog
Levi Michaud, Christine & Lisa
Mr. & Mrs. Amasa Miller & Family
John A. MacGruer
Jonathan, Sam, Sarah, Anne & Chris Moffett
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Mr. & Mrs. J. Robert Moskin & Family
Myrtle, the Turtle
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Mr. & Mrs. Gilder Palmer
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Edward N. Perkins, Sister Catherine Louise, Mary E. Montgomery, Edward C. Perkins, Louise D. Perkins, Maria Louise Prentice, Edward W Perkins,Jr James H. Perkins, David Perkins, Kate Riggs Perkins, Kate Montgomery, Eleanor Montgomery, Mary Montgomery
Viola & George Picken
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Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pothul & Family
Mrs. Diana Potter & Horatio
Mr. & Mrs. Phillips Pursell
Pompey, the Polecat
General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Mr. Samuel Reber
Fred, Tootie, Martha & James Reed
Mrs. W.G.Roehrich
William Roerick
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Reynolds
Mr. & Mrs. John S. Rudd
Charles Seyfer
Charlie & Liz Slater & Family
Mrs. Grace Slater
Mary & Gene Smith
Isabelle Stanton
Janice & June Stedman
Mr. & Mrs. F.W.Thober
Marguerite Tiffany
Mr. & Mrs. Asher Treat
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hawley Truax
Mrs. Rudd Truax, Alice, Hawley & Charles
Eddie & Helen Twing
Eddie, Betty, Jane, Linda, Kim & Dianne Twing
Gerry, Toni & Nancy Twing
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon VanOrman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Weitzman
Mr. & Mrs. Tim White & Children
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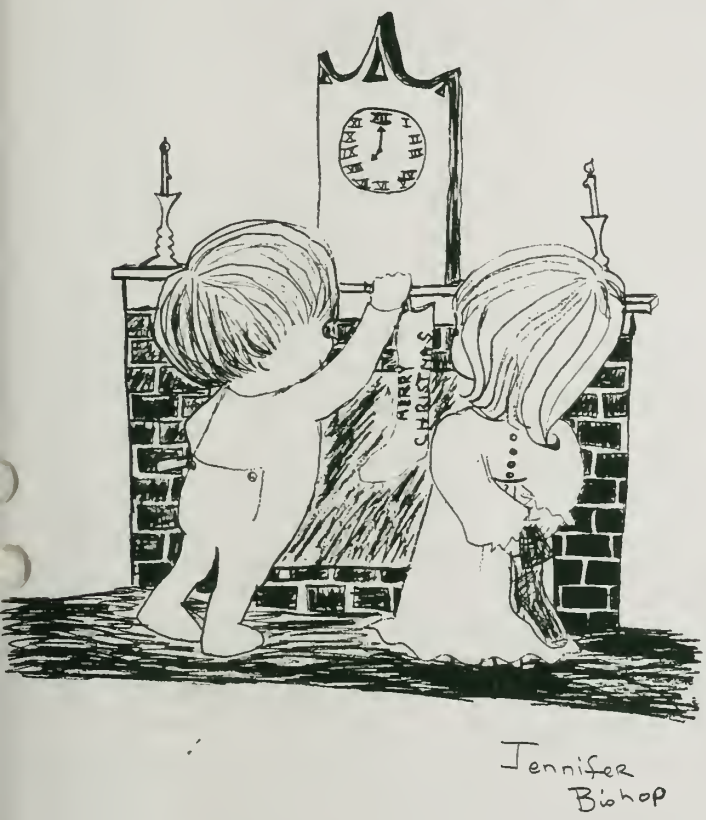

Jennifer Bishop

DECEMBER 1969
WINTER LETTER

DEAR FOLKS:-

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO YOU ALL. HEREWITH IS OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE PRECEDING THIS ONE. AND TO YOUR LEFT IS A TIMELY ART PIECE BY OUR STAFF ARTIST, MISS JENNIFER BISHOP. (OTHER INSERTS, TOO.)

AS YOU KNOW, I AM SURE, CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR FALLS ON A THURSDAY. CONSEQUENTLY WE PLAN TO HOLD OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AT 11.00 AM ON SUNDAY, THE 21ST AND OUR CUSTOMARY AND POPULAR CAROL AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 7.30 THAT SAME EVENING. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR GROWING JUNIOR CHOIR OF FINE YOUNG VOICES AND THEIR SINGING WILL ADD MUCH TO BOTH SERVICES. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION THAT DAY SO FAMILIES CAN COME TOGETHER.

NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON JANUARY 4, 1970 WITH A COMMUNION SERVICE AND RECEPTION OF ANY NEW MEMBERS WHO DESIRE TO UNITE WITH US BY EITHER PROFESSION OF FAITH OR BY LETTER FROM THEIR FORMER CHURCH. THOSE DESIRING TO JOIN THIS CHURCH ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE HOLLOWAY MEMORIAL MUSIC TOWER WILL SOUND FORTH WITH APPROPRIATE MUSIC OF THE SEASON.

THE NEW 1969 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS HAVE BEEN PRINTED IN BOOKLET FORM AND ARE PROBALY IN THE HANDS OF EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR COPY BY ANY CHANCE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CLERK OR THE MINISTER AND ONE WILL BE SENT YOU.

We are happy to welcome Mr & Mrs Willis Fennelly as Associate members of our Church. Their coming was most timely as we gained thereby a very capable Treasurer to succeed Mrs. Stedman who resigned last Summer..

Arnold Hale and Fred Judd, of Lee, resigned their positions on the Church Committee last month. Arnold Hale has been a Deacon and Moderator of our Church for many, many years. He has been a faithful and tireless worker for his Church, many times, in an emergency, leaving his farm work to fix things when they broke down. He has always proved himself a Christian gentleman. We shall miss him but we wish him well as he relinquishes the responsibilities of a Deacon of our Church, as Moderator of our Annual Meetings and as Chairman of the Church Committee. He has our deep gratitude for all he has done these many years. Deacon Roger Logan has been chosen by the Church Committee to be its acting Chairman.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Church in Tyringham is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 14, 1970 at 7.30 in the Community Center of the Church. Annual reports and other business will be in order along with election of Officers and Committee members for 1970.

Troy Alan Winters weighing in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces, arrived to look after bis parents, Kenneth and Lillian(Williams) Winters, of South Lee on November 14th. "Like father, like son" goes the old saying which is proved in this case for the young man has brilliant red hair.

We have lost this past Fall, two members of our Church and two good friends of ours who have come here Summers for many years. Mrs. Victor (Heath) Blache of Lee, long time member of our Church, died October 1st. She was the daughter of John and Harriet Heath of Tyringham. She leaves, besides her husband, a son, Stephen, formerly of Tyringham, a daughter, Mrs. John Consolati of Lee, two brothers and two grandchildren. Her funeral was held October 4 in Union Church with burial in Tyringham Cemetery.

Howell Pixley Stannard of Lee, formerly of Tyringham, also a long time member of our Church, died on October 11th. His funeral service was held in our Church with burial in Tyringham Cemetery. He left his wife, six sons and a daughter.

A long-time Summer visitor to Tyringham on Fernside, William Larkin, passed away in October, leaving his wife, Lois. He was a resident of New York City and his warm and friendly nature endeared him to those of us who knew him.

Lady Ethel Salter, Summer resident who spent many Summers in Tyringham, died at sea on October 13th, returning to her home in England. She was well-known in the Berkshires and was very generous through the years to Union Church. She leaves her husband, Lord Arthur Salter, of London.

We have also lost through their moving to Rhode Island, two very faithful and devoted members of our Church, Bill and Connie Dyer, who recently have been living in Dalton. Bill is now Public Relations officer with a Scout Council there. They may be addressed at 7 Hearthwood Drive, Barrington, R.I. 02806.

Many have asked where we get our tender, delicious barbecued turkeys for our Harvest Supper. They come from Harry's Market, on

WAHCONAH STREET, PITTSFIELD AND THEY HAVE BEEN MOST KIND AND GENEROUS WITH OUR CHURCH.

TYRINGHAM DID WELL AS REGARDS THE LATEST LEE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL. AMONG THE SOPHOMORES AWARDED "HIGH HONORS" WAS DAVID HALE. JUNIOR HONORS WENT TO LINDA JONES, SOPHOMORE HONORS TO KEVIN LEACH AND SUSAN SLATER MADE THE FRESHMAN HONOR ROLL. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOUR DISTINGUISHED TYRINGHAM SCHOLARS!

CHARLES SLATER, TOO, BRINGS LAURELS TO TYRINGHAM FOR HE HAS LATELY BEEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY FARM BUREAU.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALSO, TO LUCYAN AND LOIS KRASZESKI ON ATTAINING THEIR 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. A SUPRISE DINNER PARTY WAS GIVEN THEM ON THE 8TH OF NOVEMBER BY THEIR CHILDREN, JON, ALLAN AND NANCY JACKACKY, AT OAK 'N SPRUCE.

THE TYRINGHAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN FORMED WITH THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES IN VIEW:-

1) TO SPONSOR AND PROMOTE CIVIC BETTERMENT IN TYRINGHAM.
2) TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE CIVIC AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN.
3) TO PROMOTE RECREATIONAL AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF THE TOWN.
4) TO SPONSOR SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES IN TOWN.

THE ABOVE WAS DRAWN UP AT A PRELIMINARY MEETING. A FURTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY AND OFFICERS ANNOUNCED.

ANOTHER NEW CLUB HAS BEEN FORMED COMPOSED OF SNOWMOBILE OWNERS TO BE KNOWN AS "THE RIDGE RUNNERS". IT HAS BEEN ORGANIZED WITH THE FOLLOWING VERY FINE MOTIVES:-

1) TO BETTER PROMOTE SNOW-MOBILING IN TYRINGHAM
2) TO GET PERMISSION TO CUT TRAILS TO USE.
3) TO HAVE SMALL OUT-DOOR SOCIAL EVENTS
4) TO PROMOTE SAFETY ON SNOWMOBILES
5) TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN SNOW-MOBILIERS AND LANDOWNERS.

EACH MEMBER WILL HAVE A NUMBER TO IDENTIFY HIS OR HER MACHINE. TO BECOME A MEMBER, ONE MUST BE AT LEAST 14, A RESIDENT OR FORMER RESIDENT OR A LANDOWNER IN TYRINGHAM. THE OFFICERS ARE:- PRESIDENT, EVERETT FENNELLY; VICE-PRESIDENT, DONALD HALE; SECRETARY, JANICE WHALEN; TREASURER, LINDA JONES; PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - WALTER HOWARD AND ARNOLD HALE.

4-H CLUBS OF TYRINGHAM, SOUTH LEE, MONTEREY AND STOCKBRIDGE MET IN JOINT SESSION ON THURSDAY, NOV. 6TH FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND REFRESHMENTS. MRS. HARVEY CHOQUETTE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS. THE MEETING WAS HELD IN OUR COMMUNITY CENTER.

. .DECEMBER 20TH IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN GIFTS FOR ALL TYRINGHAM CHILDREN FROM 1 DAY OLD TO 12 YEARS INCLUSIVE, THE GIFTS TO BE ON THE TREE AT THE ANNUAL TYRINGHAM CHRISTMAS TREE. THE NAMES MAY BE PROCURED FROM BOTH MRS. JOHN CURTIN OR MRS. LARRY CERNIK. ALL OF THE GIFTS TO BE TURNED IN TO MRS, CURTIN BY THE 20TH, AS WE SAID.

THE TYRINGHAM SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT, FOLLOWED BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND SANTA CLAUS, IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND AT 7.30 PM IN THE TOWN HALL.

OUR THANKS TO MRS. JOHN CURTIN AND MISS CAROLINE CANON FOR THEIR HELP IN ENROLLING NAMES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING PAGE, AND TO MRS. COUCH FOR GETTING THEM ALL (OVER 134 GROUPINGS) IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Of interest to Tyringham folks were two August weddings which did not get into our September Letter;-

Louie (Maria Louise) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perkins, Jr of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and Tyringham, was married on August 2nd at Trinity Church, Lenox, to Nathaniel Sartell Prentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra P. Prentice of Garrison, N.Y. The reception was held in Tyringham at the Barn on the Four Brooks Farm property. The couple are living in New York City.

On August 11th, Walter Palmer, son of Mr and Mrs Gilder Palmer of Tyringham married Catherine Mary Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan of Springfield. The wedding took place in Wilbraham. The couple are living in Dr. Shepard's house in Tyringham.

Mr J. Robert Moskin, Foreign Editor of LOOK magazine is building a home on Fernside.

A good letter received from the Dodges who formerly lived in the house now occupied by the Adams family. Briefly, they are all well up in Gorham, Maine, Deac & Eleanor; Tom is married and has 3 children; Julia has been married for 5 years and has a daughter; Paul graduated last year from Univ. of Vermont and is in the Medical Corps of the Army as an X-Ray technician. Good to hear from them and wish we had more room to do justice to a very fine letter. They sent their best of good wishes to all Tyringham friends, paricularly the Hop Brook Club and Myrtle, the Turtle!

By the way, when Myrtle was asked for comments to add to this issue, she had none. It seems she is an admirer of Spiro Agnew and she was afraid he'd think she was an "intellectual snob."

We close now with a salute and warmest Christmas Greetings and best wishes from us all to you men, whose names we list below, who are serving your Country in the Armed Forces:-

Sp/4 Frank Armstrong, U.S.Army in Okinawa
A/1c Donald Davis, Jr, in Texas (Air Force)
PFC Robert Choquette, U.S.Army in Vietnam
Sgt, Benjamin Loring, Air Force at Westover Field, Mass
A/1c Kenneth Jones, Air Force in Texas
M/Sgt Charles McCarthy, Air Force, in Texas
M/Sgt George S. VanOrman, Air Force, Alaska
S/Sgt Dudley VanOrman, Air Force, in Montana
PFC William Brundige, U.S.Army in Germany

God bless you all for what you are doing for our Country.

Yours for Tyringham,
FLC

The Hop Brook Club's Annual Fair and Rummage Sale was its usual great success.

(l to r)Dawn Cernik, Brenda VanOrman & Susan Slater have a 4-H table at the Hop Brook Fair

Union Church snow-bound in a Berkshire winter

(sketches by Jennifer Bishop)

The Food Sale table at the Hop Brook Christmas Fair

A motley crew prepare to go the rounds on Hallowe'en for Unicef

(photo by Dawn Cernik)

Tyringham Topics

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MARCH 1970
Spring Letter

Dear Folks:-

Here is your TYRINGHAM TOPICS in a new and improved format. We hope you like it. We are able to change from mimeograph to offset due to you generous people who contributed more than the minimum $1.00 to have your names inscribed on our Christmas Greeting page. We had more names and much more income from that page to enable us to produce what you see before you. Thank you so much for your interest and help! Thanks to your editor's good wife, he has a new typewriter to use for this purpose with better type. We only hope it can spell better than the old one!

It has been a rough, tough Winter and there has been plenty of snow (50 inches or more, depending on the person telling it, and it has been a cold one too the thermometer reaching anywhere from 20 to 30 below zero.(Also depending upon the person telling it and his or her thermometer, with a'squeedjum'of imagination added!)

To go back to Christmas doings which came about after our last letter went out, the Church held its Christmas morning service on the Sunday before Christmas with the Candle-light and Carol Service in the evening and the Holloway Memorial Music Tower sent carols out over the town. Our Junior Choir and friends went about the town singing carols. The Tyringham School held its usual Tree and distribution of gifts. Santa Claus made it in spite of a very stormy evening.

On Wednesday, January 8th, Union Church held its Annual Meeting with election of officers, which was well-attended. The following officers were elected:- Moderator(1 yr) Charles Slater; Deacon(3 yrs) J. Northrup Canon; Deaconess (3 yrs) Carolyn Canon; Clerk (1 yr) Davena Curtin; Treasurer (1 yr) Marilyn Fennelly; Church Comm (1 yr) Dr. Rustin McIntosh; Church Comm (2 yrs) Betty Cernik; Finance Comm (2 yrs) Isabelle Stanton; (3 yrs) Peter Curtin; Trustee (1 yr) Judy Reber; (2 yrs) Roger Logan; (3 yrs) Kenneth Jones; Nominating Committee (1 yr) Judy Reber; (2 yrs) Roger Logan; (3 yrs) Russell Loring; Auditor (1 yr) George Hale; Sunday School Supt (1 yr) Kate VanOrman; Asst. S.S. Supt. (1 yr) Irma Clark; Delegates (1 yr) Beatrice Loring, Russell Loring; Alternates (1 yr) Ruth Couch and Irma Clark. Miss Alice Hale, Church Clerk for 3 years, declined nomination to that office. Our appreciation for her service to her Church is greatly appreciated.

We would remind you that Palm Sunday is the 22nd of this month; Good Friday is the 27th at which time we have our usual evening service with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and reception of new members. Sunday March 29th is Easter - need I say more about this great Day, when Churches all over the World are filled, with the exception of Russia and Red China and their satellites.

We now have a Youth Fellowship in our Church under the very capable leadership of Mrs. Orlin Lunt. Susan Slater has been elected President; Dawn Cernik, Secretary; June Stedman, Treasurer. A Planning Committee consists of Susan Slater and Sharon Adams. The group put on a very successful Valentine Party on the 14th of last month.

Miss Christine Hale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Hale of Tyringham, was married to Sgt. Roy R. Bienvenue, U.S.Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Camille Bienvenue of Lee. The wedding took place in St. Mary's Church in Lee on December 20, 1969. Miss Alice Hale, aunt of the bride was a bridesmaid; Stephen Hale, a brother and David Hale, her cousin were ring-bearers. The bride is a graduate of Lee High School and Berkshire Community College. The couple are living in Savannah, Georgia, where the groom is stationed in the helicopter corps of the Army.

Word has come to us that Sgt. and Mrs. Dudley VanOrman are the parents of a daughter, Regina Teresa, born February 4th. The Sergeant is a Tyringham man who entered the Air Force from our town and is stationed in Montana.

Mrs. Camille Sinove Nuyt, 84, of Crystal Street in Lenoxdale, formerly of Tyringham, died December 7th. She will be remembered as the mother of Mrs. Cecile Ford, who is now living in Newington, Conn. with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr & Mrs Robert DuVernois.

If you meet Myrtle, the Turtle, along the road and she seems worried it is because, while on vacation with us in Florida, she lost her heart to an alligator of all things! We missed her for three days before we started back home. We figured that perhaps she had eloped. Or, sad to even think about, perhaps the 'gator ate 'er. But anyway she came out alright and we were much relieved and we know you all are, too. (note Myrtle's Easter bonnet)

Again we are proud to announce the names of four Tyringham youngsters who have made the Honor Roll for the Second marking period in Lee High School:- Sophmrs receiving High Honors were David Hale and Kevin Leach. A Junior making the Honor Student Roll was Linda Jones and a Freshman making the same was Susan Slater. (Note:- The word "Sophmrs" stands for Sophomores. We had to concoct it as we had called them Juniors.)

T.Sgt. Joseph P. Whalen of Tyringham, was awarded a second oak leaf cluster to his Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a radio operator and aerial gunner of a B25 aircraft." (This was 25 years ago but we didn't know about it and maybe some of you didn't either so we thought this quote from the EAGLE should be passed on. Nice work, Joe!)

TYRINGHAM'S 200th ANNIVERSARY PARADE IN 1939

One of the floats --- - Mr. Sidney Howard's truck with George LaGrant, driver. How many friends can you Old Timers pick out that you knew?

Richard Birkett driving a wagon owned by Mr Clarkson. Stephen Downs in doorway beyond horses. Mike Winters in front of store; Giles Gilmore in wagon. He was Arthur Gilmore's father.

Log Cabin float with two Howard children, followed by Pioneers on horses, Gilly Palmer and companion.

(Our thanks to Mr Richard Fennelly for all these pictures & captions)

Left to right:-Mr Shaughnessy, Lee merchant, the McIntosh twins, James and Carey, the Birkett twins, Diane Birkett and Donald with their mother, Georgia; Mrs Richard Fennelly and twin sons, Everett and Edward, with Kathleen Curtin. Dr. Fred Vohr

The officers of the newly formed Tyringham Civic Club are as follows:- President, Charles Slater; Vice-President, Dr. Rustin McIntosh; Secretary, Miles Reber; Treasurer, Willis Fennelly.
The Club has voted to sponsor a Cub Scout Group and it in the process of being organized.

Town Meeting, in two parts, brought forth a budget of $110,378; a vote to plant a spruce in front of the Library to serve as a permanent Christmas Tree; a vote to erect a plaque to indicate the site of the old Bay State Mill, originally erected in 1851 by a paper making company known as "West & Brother."
Re-elected for a 3 yr term as Selectman, was Everett Fennelly. Re-elected for a 1 yr term as Town Treasurer was Mrs Robert Clark. Charles Slater was elected Moderator; Alice Hale as Town Clerk; Mrs. Larry Cernik, as Tax Collector; Mrs Grace Slater as Cemetery Trustee; Willis Fennelly as Auditor; Peter Curtin as member of school committee; Stetson Adams (3 yr) and Mrs. Clark (1 yr) on Park Commission; Mrs Mary Garner as Library Trustee and Charles Johnson as Assessor. The Tax Collector, Cemetery Trustee, School Committee Member, Library Trustee and Assessor are three year terms. A total of 110 voted.

This past January, Viggo Rambusch of New York and Tyringham was made President of the Rambusch Decorating Company, a family firm started by his grandfather in 1892. The firm designs public interiors and fabricate the designs in their own craftshops for woodwork, stained glass, custom lighting or decorative painting. With commissions throughout the country, some projects nearby are the Mother Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, the Catholic Cathedral in Springfield, the Great Hall of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Alsop of Washington, D.C.have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Winthrop Alsop, to Walter Butler Mahoney, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney Jr.of Bedford, N.Y. Visiting last Summer in Tyringham at the home of Mr and Mrs John McLennan, Miss Alsop was a member of the staff of the"Berkshire Eagle", writing several articles and illustrating them by pictures taken by herself,some of which she processed in the Camera Club Darkroom in our Parsonage. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the former Corrine Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's sister. Miss Alsop's father is a political columnist for News-week Magazine. Mr. Mahoney is an architectural Consultant in New York. He is a graduate of Princeton and has a master's degree in architecture from Princeton after a year's study at Cambridge University, England. (We snitched most of the above from the EAGLE. Thanks, EAGLE.)

The University of Florida biologists hope to mount miniature radio transmitters on sea-going turtles, and track them by satellite. Myrtle is making inquiries as to their using brook-going turtles. So if you see an antenna moving mysteriously down Hop Brook it's only Myrtle.

The sale of land off Fernside Road in the amount of 140 acres of the Spoerl estate has been reported. The Albert Q. Leventhal family of Mamaroneck, N.Y. are the purchasers. It is said that no land development is contemplated. It will be used as a summer residence. $55,000. was the price paid.

Myrtle, the Turtle, has certainly had a very exciting February. She had no sooner calmed down after her experience with the 'gator than she was chased accidentally by someone on a snowmobile. She sought refuge in Charlie Slater's barn under one of his cows. When she calmed down and was going to get out from under, she became udderly confused but finally got her bearings.

A very active couple in Tyringham and in the world outside as well, are Dr. and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh. It is interesting to learn that they, though "retired" and their five children, well-known for years in our town, are all very active. The doctor is Chairman of the Health Services Committee of the Children's Aid Society; a member of the Milbank Memorial Fund's Technical Board; the Lenox Library Book Committee, and our local Committee of the Trustees of Reservations on the Tyringham Cobble. Mrs. McIntosh has worked hard with the Bank Street College of Education, but resigned as of January 1st of this year her membership on the Board of the New York Public Library. She continues on the Board of CBS and to work for Bryn Mawr College, Nightingale - Bamford, the Bryn Mawr School and, last but not least, Kirkland College at Hamilton College in Clinton,N.Y.

Their son, Jim, at Yale (good!) teaches 3 courses, including one at the Graduate School. He supervises Ph.D. dissertations in his field. He is Chm. of a Comm. to work with English Depts. of disadvantaged High Schools; plays with a Chamber Music Group. He is writing a book on Thoreau. He is a bachelor.

Carey and his wife, Nadia and two children are in Rochester. He is starting a new teaching career at the University and is writing a book on Samuel Johnson's prose. He also works for an organization, FIGHT, which raises money to create equal housing and employment opportunities.

Sue and Bob Lloyd and their three children are at Andover. Sue taught history last year at Abbott Academy. Bob continues teaching Art and Architecture at Phillips Academy.He directs Extension Classes.

Kenneth and Peggy and their 2 children are living in Denver, Col. where Ken has a full appointment in the University of Colorado's Medical School, while Peggy teaches English Literature in Denver U.

Dick and Mimi and their 2 children, now in Cambridge, will leave in June for the University of Colorado in Boulder, where Dick has an appointment in Biology as of 1 July 1970. Mimi has continued to give two courses at Simmons this year in Tudor-Stuart and in English History.

Thought you'd be interested, particularly you long-time Tyringhamites, in learning about the doings of this very out-giving family. (We think it would be nice to know about various other Tyringham families and will try to give you one in every issue.)

There is now no "generation gap in TYRINGHAM TOPICS as four teenagers now add their talents ... Jennifer Bishop and Susan Slater for the art and Dawn Cernik and Brenda VanOrman, for some of the photography.

Yours for Tyringham,

FLC

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JUNE 1970
Summer Letter

Dear Folks:-

Spring busted out all over quite suddenly after a rough, tough winter and now summer is here in full force and Myrtle, the Turtle is wandering happily about with a flower in her mouth.

ED + EV. FENNELLY (TWINS)

A snow-storm at Easter tide bewildered Myrtle and she sought out our choir to go about singing Christmas carols. But in spite of the weather, the Church was well-filled on Easter. Our retiring organist, Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski, played for the last time before retirement and our young choir sang beautifully. The choir consisted of Steven Adams, Sharon Adams, Dawn Cernik, Nancy and Ruth Heath, June Stedman, Susan Slater and Brenda VanOrman. Easter Music was played by the Holloway Memorial Music System.

A coffee hour followed the Church service of Sunday, May 10th in honor of Mrs. Lucyan Kraszeski, our organist for over 20 years and for Mrs. Walter Stedman, our Choir sponsor and Asst Director to Mrs. Kraszeski. Both of these ladies are retiring, Mrs. Kraszeski due to a disability affecting her playing and Mrs. Stedman due to her moving to Great Barrington. We greatly appreciate their years of devoted service to Union Church. Mrs. Kraszeski was presented with a crystal bowl and Mrs Stedman, a pin.

We are in the process of purchasing a new organ. Mrs. Kraszeski, our retired organist, has long urged it but the financing was slow. Suddenly just before she retired, our project received a boost. Now it is becoming a reality and Mrs. K. is happy about it along with the rest of us. It was "one of those things" that the new organ is coming into being just after Mrs. K retired but she is not the least bit hurt and is most understanding of how it happened.

A daughter, Christine Ann Drake, arrived March 24th, 1970, at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington to join the family of Gerald and Donna (Heath) Drake, a member of our Church. She weighed

10 pounds, 5 ounces and her granparents are Mr & Mrs. Edwin O. Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heath, all of Lee.

A long-time good friend of many of us in Tyringham, Leroy P. Fisher, 89, died Sunday, May 31st in Pittsfield. He was a native of Boston, but spent most of his life in New York and the latter part in St. Petersburg, Florida. Besides his wife, Mary, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Carl Curtin, Sr. with whom he made his home in Tyringham, coming from St. Pete in 1963. He also leaves two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held at the Kelly Funeral Home in Lee, June 2nd, with Rev. F.L.Couch officiating and burial was in the Tyringham cemetery.

Our good friend Walter Howard has been named for a 2-yr term as a director of the Mass. Jersey Cattle Club.

Peggy Reber, daughter of Major General and Mrs. Miles Reber was recently elected to the academic Honor Society of Phi Beta Kappa, a really great honor. She held honor grades thru her 4 years at Wellesley.

Tyringham Schools Memorial Day services attracted a large crowd of fond parents and admiring friends. The youngsters recited and sang patriotic songs under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Welch and music teacher, Mrs. Palmer. If only many of our college students and some adults would have the patriotic fervor of these youngsters, a large part of the dissent in our Country would not exist! Lee's Supt of Schools Maurice Boulanger a veteran of World War 2 was the speaker and gave a most inspiring address. The Lee Band played in its usual superb fashion under Mr. DiNuncio.

A Boy Scout Cub Pack has been formed in town with Mrs. Hazel Pothul as Den Mother and Mrs. Marianne Fennelly and Mrs. Kate VanOrman as assistants. Richard Loring is Cub Master. Major General Miles Reber, Edward Pothul and F.L.Couch are on the Pack Committee. The charter will be presented soon.

General Reber, by the way, was recently elected President of the Great Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, which includes Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire Counties with headquarters in Dalton.

The 4-H Horse Club has had an active Winter and Spring, including a trip to Madison Square Garden in NYC, to attend the National Horse Show; a lecture by Veterinarian Doctor Bernard Collins on the subject Horse Health; a Western Clinic at Aspinwall Stables in Lenox. Three members & leaders took a short course on western equitation at the Univ. of Mass. Their big project for the summer is to earn money to benefit the 4-H Camp Howe. Hence the 4-H Town Comm. plan to hold an Auction June 27th at 11.00 AM on the Union Church lawn. The Variety Club will hold a book sale at the auction and refreshments will be sold.

Miss Nancy Garner, daughter of Mr & Mrs Allan Garner, won 2nd prize in the First Division (grades 4,5,6) in the EAGLE'S annual "Create and Ad" Contest.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL of the Union Church in Tyringham will be held Wednesday, June 24th. First sitting at 5.30; second, at 6.30. Ham, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE, coffee etc. Adults $2.25, youngsters under 12, $2.00.

Mrs.John Curtin, Chm of the Red Cross Drive announces that $444.45 was raised and she thanks all those who contributed and the girls who solicited:- Sharon Adams, Dawn Cernik, Denise Curtin, Barbara VanOrman and Brenda VanOrman.

Mrs. Stetson Adams has been appointed Asst. School Nurse at the Monument Mountain Regional School in Great Barrington.

Children's Day was observed on Sunday, June 14th the youngsters taking over a large part of the service. Christine Ann Drake, the daughter of Gerald and Donna Heath Drake, born March 24, 1970 and David Michael Clark, son of Charles and Marion Briggs Clark, born June 14, 1969 were baptized. Attendance awards were made the members of the school. Mrs. Gordon VanOrman is the Superintendent and Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr , the Asst, Superintendent. The teachers are Mrs. Herbert Heath, Mrs. Willis Fennelly, Mrs. Edward Pothul and Mr. Herbert Heath Jr. Mr. Calvin Barton, Miss Carol Martin, and Miss Carlene Merrill of the Berkshire Christian College in Lenox kindly came each Sunday to complete the teaching staff. Mrs. VanOrman would appreciate teacher volunteers from among the Tyringham mothers.

Our 15th ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th with 1st sitting at 5.30; second, at 6.30 pm. Tickets same as last year - adults, $2.25; children under 12, $2.00. The menu consists of baked ham, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, strawberry shortcake, coffee, iced tea and milk. "Come and get it!"

The Hop Brook Community Club's Annual Summer Fair will be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, August 5th, starting at 1.00. Mrs. Miles Reber has been elected as President of the Hop Brook Club succeeding Mrs. Percy Stanton, who resigned as she is away during the Winter months.

The Church Committee has had storm windows and screens installed on the Community Center windows, a much-needed improvement.

Roy and Candace Heath will hold Open House on Sunday June 28th at the home of their daughter & son-in-law, Mr & Mrs Joseph Coco, 24 Theresa Terrace, Lee, from 2.00 to 6.00 pm. The affair is the celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

George Gilder, son of Mrs. Gilder Palmer, has been made a Fellow of the Harvard Institute of Political Science, which also makes him a member of the Harvard University Faculty. His new appointment is designated as the "Kennedy Fellowship of the Harvard Institute of Political Science."(Ed. note.- Being a graduate of Yale we are not up on Harvard terminology so must be careful to get it all in!)

George is on temporary leave of absence from the office of Senator Mathias of Maryland, where he was legislative assistant. Prior to that he was a speech-writer for President Richard Nixon in his campaign for the Presidency. George is an expert on Foreign Affairs

The Youth Fellowship of our Church will conduct the Church Service on Sunday, August 2nd. These young people under the leadership of Mrs. Orlin Lunt, requested permission to do so from the Minister and it sounds like a good idea as many Churches are doing thusly from time to time. "The service will center around some of our inner feelings" say they, "and we will convey our feelings through prayer, songs and words." The entire service will be planned and carried out by them and ye Minister will sit in a pew. They ask that everyone attend this special service and evaluate the service for them. Youth should be heard and this so-called "generation gap" be wiped out.

Good News:- The Tyringham Assessors report the tax rate will be down $1.00.

Miss Elizabeth Alsop, who visited here last Summer, was married on June 13th to Mr. Walter Butler Mahoney 3rd, in St. John's Church in Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of Mr & Mrs Stewart J.O. Alsop. She was a member of THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE'S Staff last Summer and will contribute this Summer to the paper's summer supplement, THE BERKSHIRE WEEK.

Miss Ruth Heath, daughter of Mr & Mrs Herbert Heath, Church members living in Lenox dale, has earned the Girl Scout First Class Badge, which requires over three years of extra duties and attendance at weekly meetings.

The Tyringham Fire Department held its Annual Meeting in March and Willis Hale was re-elected Fire Chief; Edward Fennelly, deputy fire chief; George Hale, first assistant, Donald Hale, second Asst., Lucyan Kraszeski, Secretary, Kenneth Jones, treasurer; and Stetson Adams, foreman. Merrit McBrian, Stetson Adams and Gordon VanOrman were elected to the Town Fire Committee, with two vacancies yet to be filled.

The Tyringham Civics Club seems to be growing with more people attending the meetings. At their last meeting on June 15th, among other actions taken, a schedule of events for the Summer and Fall was planned.

On Sunday afternoon, July 12th, there is to be a Town Picnic is listed to be held at the Tyringham Swimming Poool.

In August the meeting will be addressed by a representative of the Berkshire County Planning Board.

In September the speaker will be from the League of Women Voters

October the members plan a visit to Northfield to see the New England Electric Pumping Station.

Eight new shades for the windows of our Sanctuary have been purchased with part of the Contingency Fund. They are for the purpose of shielding the pew cushions and carpeting from the rays of the sun during the week. Thanks to the Hop Brook Community Club seven faded pew cushions on the south side have been recovered.

The Church Committee has voted to put out for bids the job of janitor or sexton of Union Church. The job involves the following duties:- Lopping of Community Center floor after each Church Public Supper or once a month at least; cleaning sanctuary each week and dusting, also, after wedding or funeral etc; attention given to heat requirements in Winter; mowing of Church property lawns, including parsonage; raking of leaves in Fall; snow removal on Church steps and path to parsonage in Winter etc.

The Church Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids must be received by the Chairman of the Church Committee before 7.30 pm, July 13th, 1970. Mr Roger Logan Tyringham Road, Tyringham is the Chairman of the Church Committee. Copies of these requirements may be obtained at Curtin's Store.

OUR TYRINGHAM GRADUATES 1970

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL
Everett Fennelly, Denise Curtin, Glenn VanOrman, Kerry Clark and Rickey Loring (photo by Dawn Cernik)

LEE HIGH
Janice Whalen

LEE HIGH
Stephen Hale

WELLESLEY
Peggy Reber

LADY OF THE ELMS
Susan Cabral

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Mrs. Percy Stanton has returned to Tyringham from a Winter spent in Florida (Gainesville) at the home of her daughter Mrs. Charles McCarthy.

Tyringham's Swimming pool is being cleaned and filled for the season, but at this writing, the water is a bit on the cool side.

Miss Holly McLennan, daughter of Mr. John McLennan, and a native of Tyringham, has been appointed editor of the BERKSHIRE EAGLE'S summer supplement, BERKSHIRE WEEK, which is to be published every Saturday starting June 27th. She has been in the publishing business in New York. She graduated from Milton Academy in 1960, studied for a year at St. Clare's Hall, Oxford, England and received her dgree of B.A. in music and languages in 1965 from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y.

Last March we promised you we would give a brief story on a Tyringham family and we started with the McIntosh folks. This issue we will tell you about the Howard Family:-

The Howard family moved to Tyringham in 1935, when Sidney Howard, the playwright, and his wife Purchased the Shaker Meeting House on Jerusalem Road from Ellis W. Leavenworth. The Leavenworths had, some years earlier, moved the yellow Shaker House to its present location from the original site among the Shaker buildings at Fernside, then added a wing to it.

Mr. Howard, then in his mid-forties, had been looking for some time for a farm in New England. Born and raised in Oakland, Cal., he moved east as a young man and made New York City his home, after serving as a pilot with the American Expeditionary Force in Europe in World War 1 and attending a graduate dramatic writing course at Harvard. His father, John Howard, founded Howard Terminal, a docking and warehousing concern on the Oakland waterfront, which is still owned and run by the California Howards.

In 1925, Sidney Howard won the Pulitzer Prize for his play, "They Knew What They Wanted". Other Broadway successes followed, and he was frequently in Hollywood as well, working on scripts for the movies. In 1930 he married Polly Damrosch, daughter of the musical conductor, Walter Damrosch.

There were three children in the Howard family when it moved to Tyringham: Jennifer, Sidney and Walter. Margaret, the youngest was born a few years later. The Howards were joined there very shortly by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Littell and their children. The Littells were Mrs. Howard's sister and brother-in-law, and their home was formerly the Curtin farm on Fernside Road.

Early in 1937, with thenpurchase of some Jersey cows from High Lawn Farm, the Howard Farm was established. Mr. Howard built up the farm from neighboring New England Jersey breeders. He combined an active interest in the Tyringham property with his writing career, which in 1938 and 1939 took him quite frequently to Hollywood for work on the script of the movie "Gone With the Wind". This script won him an "Oscar" Academy award in 1939.

That Summer, Sidney Howard died in Tyringham, shortly after the town celebrated its Bicentennial. His wife continued to run the farm until her death in 1964 and the place is now owned by the younger Howards.

Jennifer, who was here for a week in May, now lives in California with her four children. Sidney, who is married to Brian Urquhart, special assistant to the Secretary General of the United Nations, has three children and three step-children. Margaret also lives in New York and works at the United Nations. Walter divides his time between the farm and New York, with a company specializing in the development of computerized information retrieval systems.

An important part of the Howard family's history moves back to California this month, with the shipment of all Mr. Howard's manuscripts, letters and other papers to the University of California, from which he graduated. A special Sidney Howard Collection will be set up there in the near future.

Four groups - adults, Civic Club, 4-Hers and volunteers cleaned up Tyringham roads at 4 different days to observe "Earth Day."

Kenneth Jones, son of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Jones has been promoted to Sergeant (AF) and Robert Choquette, son of Mr & Mrs Harvey Choquette has been promoted to Spec 4, (USA) over in Vietnam/ Cambodia. S/Sgt Dudley VanOrman & family now in Storrs, Conn with UC ROTC.

And I MUST squeeze in here the thanks of Mrs Couch and myself to everyone in Tyringham who so unitedly did so much to make Mrs Couch and myself so very, very happy on our Golden Wedding Day.

Yours for Tyringham, FLC

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SEPTEMBER 1970
AUTUMN LETTER

Dear Folks:-

Phew but that was a hot Summer. They say that last month was the hottest August in 15 years! Poor Myrtle got so hot that she asked Larry Cernik to install an air conditioner in her apartment in Hop Brook! And it was a very busy Summer also with lots doing in the town so here goes to try and relate to you all the things that have been going on.

Our new organ, a Baldwin, is now installed thanks to the generosity of a goodly number of kindly people, members and friends of Union Church. Our grateful thanks to all who helped us in this very important project. Along with the new organ we have a new organist, Miss Susan Slater, daughter of Mr & Mrs Charles Slater and though young, she is doing splendidly. Mrs. "Gilly" Palmer has been training her. Susan is a born musician and that helps. She was a member of our Choir before taking on the organ. Our thanks to Mrs. Palmer for her excellent help with our new organist.

We also have our Choir appearing in new choir robes of blue with gold stoles. The old robes they wore were faded after at least 18 years of use and the later ones were of light blue so that made an odd appearance. The Choir got the idea of raising money by their own efforts and they did so with a Spaghetti and Meat Ball Supper and raised the amount needed at one fell swoop. We have also been most fortunate in having an experienced choir director who has trained many Junior Choirs in other Churches. Mrs. Frank Crook of South Egremont, has volunteered to act as our Choir Director and she is of tremendous help, popular with our Choir members. She is the widow of the late Reverend Frank Crook, who has preached in Union Church several times. We all are most grateful to Mrs. Crook for all she is doing.

Sunday School will commence its season on Sunday, October 4th, and, at the request of the Sunday School Staff and approval of our Church Committee, its sessions will be from 10.00 to 10.45 AM. Church services will be at 11.00 as usual.

New screens and storm window combinations have been installed on the Community Center and kitchen windows, allowing windows to be opened in the summer for our Suppers, without adding flies to the menu!

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin, have been appointed caretakers of the Church property.

On Sunday, August 2nd, our Youth Fellowship took over the complete Service in our Church and it was truly inspiring. Mrs. Corinne Lunt is the leader of the Group but the entire program was in the hands of the youth of our Fellowship Group. The Minister sat in the back pew; Mr. Logan did not even ring the bell and he and Mr. Jones were not allowed to take up the collection. Two of the Fellowship members, Susan Slater and Dawn Cernik, greeted the people as they left the Church. The sermon was in four parts and was delivered in this sequence by Susan Slater, Dawn Cernik, Ruth Heath and Brenda VanOrman. The sermonette with "Peanuts" characters was given by Sharon Adams. In the Choir were Jennifer Bishop, Nancy Heath, Barbara VanOrman, Debra Loring and June Stedman. Others taking part were Donald Heath, James Heath, and Steven Adams. Emphasis was on Youth and Brotherhood and the "hymns" or songs were "Up With People", "Turn, Turn, Turn", "Blowing in the Wind", "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", "What Color is God's Skin" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", ending with "Kum-Bay-Yah." Mrs. Palmer was at the organ and Mrs. Crook trained the choir in the various songs. The Church should have been packed but it wasn't --- emphasizing the sad fact that the generation gap has crept into Tyringham.

THAT TIME IS HERE AGAIN when we would remind you all that our next issue of TYRINGHAM TOPICS will include the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETING page with its usual joint greeting in color at the top of the page, followed by the names of the families or individuals who wish to extend greetings of the season to all the readers of this news-letter. These, we estimate, number approximately over a thousand of all ages, past and present Tyringhamites and friends and our boys in the Armed Forces. We would appreciate your name or names to appear on this Christmas page, with $1.00 per individual or family. Please write names as you want them to appear. The proceeds from this page enable us to send TYRINGHAM TOPICS to you with pictures. This is a self-sustaining venture and from your contributions to the Christmas page we pay the printing and postage costs. Each year we have listed more names and many have sent us more $'s than required and so TOPICS improves (we hope) from year to year. "CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO TYRINGHAM TOPICS." (The writers, the photographers, the artists are volunteers --even Myrtle, the Turtle doesn't get a salary!) May we remind you, also, that this joint greeting page will mean just as much as any greeting card and you'll be saved the cost of cards, postage and time consumed in writing. This is our seventh year in publishing this Christmas Greeting page. PLEASE SEND IN THE NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE LEST YOU FORGET. We need them by <u>December</u> <u>5th</u> at the latest.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, we are serving a sort of economical Supper of Baked Beans and Frankfurters, cole slaw, french bread , ginger bread with whipped cream, coffee and milk --- all for 99¢ per person, regardless of age, except centenarians get in free! We start serving at 5.30.

Then on Tuesday, October 20th, comes our Harvest Supper of Roast Turkey and gravey, mashed potatoes, cranberry jelly, squash, bread, apple pie & cheese, coffeeand milk. Starts at 5.30.

Of interest to Tyringham folk is the announcement of the birth of Michael Andrew DuVernois, son of Robert and Josiane DuVernois , formerly of Tyringham, then of Lenoxdale and Now of Newington, Connecticut. The grand parents are Mrs. Cele Ford of Newington and Mr & Mrs. Robert E. DuVernois of Stuart Florida. He was born July 10, weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces.

The wedding of Miss Wendy Soules, daughter of Mr & Mrs Norman Soules of Housatonic, formerly of Tyringham, to Mason Eugene Love, son of Mr & Mrs Mason Love of Housatonic took place on Saturday, June 27th in the Housatonic Church, with the Minister of Union Church officiating. The couple are living on Silver Street in Great Barrington.

John Skeer Rudd, 80, of Tyringham and Princeton, N.J. died July 31st in St.Luke's Hospital, BMC, in Pittsfield, after a short illness. A long-time Summer resident on Fernside, he was loved and admired by many Tyringham residents. He leaves his wife, the former Annette Rogers and a daughter, Mrs. G. James Fawcett of Tyringham, a brother, Robert Rudd of White Plains, N.Y; two sisters, Mrs. Trobridge Hall and Mrs. R. Hawley Truax, both of New York, and three grandchildren. Services were held in Union Church on Monday, August 3rd in Union Church with burial in Tyringham Cemetery.

Reuben Childs Pierce, 97, father of Mrs. Couch, died in Dalton July 10th. For many years he was an Office Manager for Crane & Co, and officially retired from that company at the age of 93. He is survived, in addition to his daughter, by a son, Clayton, of Hinsdale; five grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Candace) Heath observed their 45th Wedding Anniversary at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr & Mrs. Joseph Coco in Lee on June 28th.

We welcome back home, Mrs. Lois Olds and Miss Margaret Clapp from India where Miss Clapp has been Cultural Affairs Officer for the U. S. Information Service since 1968. They will return there for a short sojourn this Fall.

Mrs. Janice Stedman, former Librarian here, and her daughter, June, have sold their home and moved to Partridge Road in Pittsfield. Mrs. Percy Stanton, former Librarian for many years, has been appointed to fill the Librarian position. Mrs. Gordon VanOrman is the Asst. Librarian, as you doubtless know.

A Tyringham housewife has been feeding a mother polecat and her four offspring and, in return, the good housewife received five (s)cents. She also has been feeding a mother raccoon and her three babies. (Nope, we wont tell who the hospitable lady is.)

On July 16th, a severe ekectrical storm hit Tyringham and gusty winds blew down eight trees, tearing some up by the roots and breaking the others off at their trunks, The winds also blew a few shingles off the Charles Slater farm home and cut a path 220 feet wide and 450 feet long right through the farm. Tyringham was the only community in Berkshire County to report any damage. A later storm also blew down branches and a tree along Tyringham Road. And judging from the appearance of the dead trees along that road, someone may get killed in their car in another heavy windstorm.

Tyringham's Board of Health recently announced that all dwellings and buildings on or adjacent to Hop Brook or its tributaries must install adequate septic facilities by December 31st in order to alleviate pollution. (Myrtle must have complained!)

While it is too early to relate the list of those of our youngsters getting on the Lee High School Honor Roll, we can tell you of Susan Slater being awarded recognition of her work in Home Economics on leaving the 8th grade in June of 1969, which we missed last year and Dawn Cernik last June receiving similar recognition on leaving the 8th grade this past June. Also Dawn received the special award for citizenship, the only one in her class so honored.

And this Summer at the Hancock Fair, Nancy Garner, won two third place honors in horsemanship, one for "Fitting and Showing, the other for Western Equitation. She also won second place in "Sit-a-Buck". Nancy belongs to the 4-H organization known as the "Tri-Lee Rough Riders."

But the girls aren't the only ones getting honors. Stevie Adams attended the 4-H Camp Howe this past Summer and wascawarded the top prize of all the camp --- the four-leaf clover award for health, cooperation and cheerfulness.

Three Tyringham boys also played Little League Basball in Lee this Summer and their fathers assisted as coaches and umpires. The players were Peter Curtin,Jr, James Curtin and Glenn VanOrman.

The Red Cross gave nine free swimming lessons at the Tyringham Pool this last season to a class of thirty youngsters. Those passed to "Advanced Beginners" were Ricky Loring, James Curtin, Glenn Van Orman, John Fawcett, Robert Clark, Jr, Kerry Clark and Denise Curtin. The Intermediates were: Peter Curtin, Jr, Debra Loring and Nancy Garner.

The Sunday School has decided that, to win attendance medals or bars hereafter, a child must attend for a minimum of 25 Sundays.

Thanks to Peter Curtin and Bruce Logan the long, long awaited shutters on the north side of the Church have been placed and at no cost to our Church. And John and Davena Curtin have replaced the Church signs also without cost for their labor. Recently, Evelyn Winters gave her permission to have the dead tree jusu over the north line of our Church property removed and her son, Kenneth Winters, cut it down without charge. To all these kindly volunterrs, the gratitude of their Church.

Erv and Ruth DuVernois now of Stuart, Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Birkett of England visited in tyringham this past Summer, with relatives. Mrs. Eloise Myers was also in town.

VISTA, the magazine of the Humble Travel Club, in its Fall number, had a paragraph on Tyringham Galleries, included in an article on the Museum Trail. It described the Galleries as a "must on anybody's list." It went on to describe the galleries as Wa showcase for contemporay art housed in the famous Gingerbread House. .. with a rolling roof(said to contain TWO TONS of nails)and it has a built-in witch's face."

Welcome to TYRINGHAM Reverend and Mrs. Archie Peace and Mr. and Mrs. William Cosel, none of whom we have yet met. Mr. and Mrs.Peace will live in the Stedman house. He is a retired minister. Mr. and Mrs Cosel will live in a new house recently built opposite to Lost Farm.

You know how nervous Myrtle, the Turtle get at the fluttering of stork wings. She sure has the jitters now and insists she hears four storks in the offing!

D.LORING - D.CURTIN

See anyone you know?
Everyone seemed eager to buy!

SCENES AT THE ANNUAL

HOP BROOK FAIR

FOOD SALE

AND

RUMMAGE SALE

(A total of $886. 75 was cleared at the fair, exclusive of that earned by our Youth Fellowship.)

Hop Brook Club allowed our Youth Fellowship to have a table and they cleared $145. for their own needs

DAWN CZANIK SUE CHOQUETTE BRENDA VANCLEAN

Business is brisk
at all tables

Miles Reber and William Thober, crack salesmen.

MRS. A. FISHER - J. H. HEATH

Scenes at the Tyringham Picnic on Sunday afternoon, July 12th, by the side of the Swimming Pool. The land for the poolwas given by Walter Howard and at this event the gratitude of the town was expressed to Mr. Howard in a ceremony following the picnic. Picture upper left shows some of the picnicers --- upper right, Mrs. LeRoy Fisher, Mrs. Heath and her husband, John. In the background are Kenneth Jones and Levi Michaud.

A forestry field day was held last month at the Howard Farm at which a few professional foresters, 50 landowners, some "real live lumbermen and a handful of miscellaneous observers toured a scenic woodlot as part of the program and listened to the talks, watched cutting and skidding demonstrations and had supper by a small pond.

The event was held to portray to Berkshire County woodland owners that woods are "pretty and should not be touched."

S. ADAMS LUCHARS

Tyringham's own snake-charmer and naturalist, Barry Luchars, and his brother, Alexander (on right) and Stevie Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. McLennan of Ashintully in Tyringham have announced the engagement of Mrs. McLennan's daughter, Miss Judith Taney Bishop, to William Livingston McLennan, Jr of Lake Forest, Illinois. Miss Bishop is also the daughter of W. B. Bishop of Shaker Heights, Ohio. The wedding is planned for Saturday, September, 12th at the McLennan home in Tyringham.

As for our Service Men, of whom we are very proud:-
SMSgt Charles D. McCarthy has gone to Greenland for one year to be stationed at the Air Force Weather Station there. His parents, Mr.& Mrs. Charles T. McCarthy, his mother, Mrs. Marie Moore and his mother-in-law, our own Mrs. Isabel Stanton, went to McGuire AFB to see him off.

M/Sgt Sidney VanOrman is at present still in Alaska, but soon leave for Washington, then to Florida and thence to Vietnam for another tour of duty there. His wife, Madeleine, and two children are in Lee during h tour of foreign duty. Sid's brother, Dudley, and family are in Storr Connecticut at the U of Conn. Billy Brundige is in Germany with the Army. Sgt. Kenneth Jones of the Air Force is still at Sheppard AFB, Texa And - good news - Cpl. Bob Choquette, has returned from duty in Vietnam part of the time <u>very</u> near Cambodia and will be home shortly. He was with the Med. Corps of the Artillery.

Yours for Tyringham, FLC

Season's Greetings

Christmastide is one of those rare times when our thoughts turn from the material things of life to the nobler, more beautiful ones..... to our loved ones and our personal friends . . . and to the happiness we can give rather than that which is bestowed upon us. And so those of us listed below give to all of you and to each other, the sincere wish that there come to you in these holiday times an abundance of the truly precious things of life --- health, happiness and enduring friendships. And may God bless your Christmas fireside and grant to you a blessed New Year.

Mr & Mrs Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma F. Alsop
Rosa, Walt & Walt Jr Alward
Dick, Georgia & Martha Birkett
Mr. & Mrs N.A.Bogdan
Donald & Lillian Bridgham
Mrs. Jeanette Brown
Irma & Jack Bucher
Mrs Martin Butler
Caroline Canon
Dorothy Canon
Mr & Mrs John N. Canon & Jennifer
Mr & Mrs John Grew Canon
Henning & Caroline Carlson
Henning & Joyce Carlson & Family
Howard, Barbara Carlson & Children
The 7 Cerniks
Mr & Mrs Ladislaw Cernik
Mr & Mrs Harvey Choquette & Bob
Margaret Clapp & Lois Olds
Wilbur. Bob. Pat."Yogi" & Robin Clark
Terry, Chuck & David Clark
Duffy, Irma and Kerry Clark
Jerry & Elsie Clark & Girls
Joan, Marty, Sue, Tommy & Tracy Clark
Rev. & Mrs. Franklin L. Couch
Agnes Curtin
Sue, Denny & D.J.Curtin
John & Davena Curtin
Mr & Mrs Neil Curtin & Family
Mr & Mrs Peter Curtin & Sons
Marilyn & Terry Curtin, Butch, Kelly & Beth
Tom & Maggie Curtin
Kathy & Jimmy Curtin, Denise, Katy & Jim-Jim
Mary Curtin & Mrs Fisher
Connie & Bill Dyer
Art & Agnes Dyer
Mr & Mrs John K. Donald
Everill Downs
Doug, Janet, Lynn & Neil Eddy
Bev & Jim Elsensohn
Mr & Mrs G. James Fawcett, John, Donald & Annette
die and Dianne Fennelly & Sons
ett & Mary Ann Fennelly, Everett
Amy & Kathleen
yn & Bill Fennelly & Parker
Mrs Allan Garner & Family
Marion Gelsleichter
rthur Gilmore
rs Edgard Goldmuntz & Family
& Arnold, Cathy & Suzie Hayne
ales at Sunset Farm
ge, Jean & David Hale
well Heath & Family
& Mrs Herbert Heath & Family
r & Mrs John Heath
r & Mrs Roy G. Heath
Louise Hiscox
Sarah Hudson
Mary S. Jarrett & Gladys Sheldon
Charles Johnson & "Buddy"
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Jones & Family
Mrs H. M. Keating
Grace & Kenneth Knickerbocker
Mrs. William Larkin
The Leach Family, Douglas, Marion & Kevin
Rose Leipzig
Roger, Ruth & Bruce Logan
Mr & Mrs John B. Leventhal & Family
Charles, Sr, Beatrice & Russell Loring
Mr & Mrs Fred Loring
Harry & Olive Loring
Mr & Mrs Richard Loring & Family
Dede, Tunk Loring, Rhonda, Elaine & Chuck
Charles & Isabel McCarthy
SM Sgt C.Douglas & Mrs McCarthy, Debbie & Susan
Ward McCarthy
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
All the McLennans & the Bishop Girls: John & Katherine, Judy & Scotty, Holly, Angelica,Susie, Moo,Jennifer & Gigi
A. Amasa Miller Family
Jonathan, Sam, Sarah, Anne & Chris Moffett
Marie Moore
Grace Morin
Mr & Mrs J. Robert Moskin & Family
Myrtle, the Turtle
Olga Olin
Kay, Lisa, Tonio & Helena Palmer
The Pappenheimer Family
Archie & Carrie Peace
Edward N. Perkins, Sister Catherine, Louise,Mary E. Montgomery, Edward C. Perkins, Louise D. Perkins, Maria Louise Prentice, Edward W. Perkins,Jr James H. Perkins, David Perkins, Kate Riggs Perkins, Kate Montgomery, Eleanor Montgomery, Mary Montgomery
Mr & Mrs Edward Pothul & Family
The Pursells
Viggo & Catha Rambusch, Kristin, Edwin, Martin & Lucia
General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Mr. Samuel Reber
Tootie, Fred, Martha & Jimmy Read
Dorothea & Edward Reynolds
Martha & Guy Robb
Mrs. John S. Rudd
Mrs. W.G. Roehrich
William Roerick
Dr. & Mrs. Jacob Salzman
Charlie & Liz Slater & Family
Grace Slater
Mary & Gene Smith
Isabelle Stanton
Alice S. Thain
Blanche & Bill Thober
Marguerite Tiffany
Mr & Mrs Asher E. Treat
Mr & Mrs R. Hawley Truax
Elizabeth M. Truax, Alice, Hawley & Charles
Helen & Eddie Twing and
Betty, Eddie, Jane, Linda, Kim & Deane
Toni, Gerry & Nancy Twing
Gordon & Kate VanOrman & Family
Sid, Mickey, Holly & Scott VanOrman
Bert, Karen, Keith, Timmy Williams
Mr & Mrs. Louis Weitzman
Evelyn Winters
Ken, Lil, Mike, Jim, Troy Winters
Anna Woodward

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DECEMBER 1970
Winter Letter

Dear Folks:-

Happy and hearty greetings to each and all of you. Not a speck of snow has yet come as we start this letter to you all on the 4th of December. But knowing the Berkshires for many, many years, it may well be that by the time you read this, we may be snow-bound!

JB

Our Church will observe Christmas Sunday on December 20th at 11.00 AM with, we hope, two surprises for you --- a beautiful ~~sixteen~~ eighteen light colonial chandelier and a hundred new Pilgrim Hymnals. (More about these later) Our choir will be wearing their new robes and stoles, the money for which, they raised themselves. Their young voices, trained by Mrs. Frank Crook of North Egremont, will add greatly to the Service. And on the following Wednesday evening, December 23rd, at 7.30 we will have our very popular Carol and Candlelight Service. And over the air at Christmastide, carols will ring out from our Holloway Memorial Music Tower in the belfry.

New Year's Sunday will be observed on January 3rd, 1971, with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and reception of any new members who desire to unite with our Union Church.

We have so much to tell you that we scarcely know where to begin but inasmuch as life starts with birth, this seems a good subject. On October 27th, a son, Alan, was born to Mr & Mrs William Jakacky of Lee. The youngster is a grandson of Mr & Mrs Lucyan Kraszeski of Tyringham.

On November 6th, Miss Mary Frances Curtin arrived to live with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Curtin. Tyringham grandparents are Mr & Mrs John Curtin and her Greatgrandmother is Mrs. Percy Stanton, now spending the wintry months in Florida, which, we understand, is even colder than the Berk--shires!!!

Summer residents of Tyringham are Mr & Mrs Viggo Rambusch of New York and they have a new daughter, Lucia, born in New York on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Rambush, who has designed lighting fixtures for famous structures in this country and other countries around the globe, is the designer of our new Memorial chandelier for our Church.

And, just in time to get in this letter, a daughter arrived for Mr and Mrs Everett Fennelly, Tyringham grandfather being Mr Richard Fennelly

Miss Fennelly, who has been named Kathleen Ann, out of consideration for her father, arrived prior to deer week.

Levi J. Michaud, of Tyringham, who has lived with the John Heath's for several years, died suddenly October 27th. His funeral was held in a packed Union Church for he was very much admired and liked by all who knew him. Though not a member of our Church he came often to our services with his two daughters, Christine and Lisa, who sings in our Choir.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heath celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 9th. Sixty years together in this day and age is a real accomplishment in this day and age when so many end their lives on the highways at the hands of reckless drivers!

Picking up our morning paper a short time ago there, in big letters of a headline was the word "TYRINGHAM"! We almost dropped from the shock, but on opening the full front page we read "Art by Pope's Assailant in Tyringham". Were we relieved !!! The story that followed went on to say that Mendoza y Amor, the Bolivian painter accused of trying to stab Pope Paul VI, in Manila has exhibited his works in a Tyringham art gallery for the past five years. It added that Donald Davis had stated that he still has three of Mendoza's works. Don had met Mendoza through his agent, Eugene A. Schnell, five years ago. Mr. Schnell has a summer home in Tyringham, the former home of the Deppings.

A Tyringham landmark, the house for many years occupied by Mr & Mrs Charles Loring and family, was recently destroyed by fire at the request of the owner. It was the opportunity of six fire departments to have a test of the mutual-aid system of the area. The Tyringham Department, headed by Chief Willis Hale, was the host to the other departments from Lee, Stockbridge, Lenox, Monterey and Otis. Ten pieces of fire apparatus were at the scene. It was estimated 65 firemen were on hand for the event which lasted from 8.30 am to 4.30 in the afternoon. Our Tyringham Fire Department furnished the lunch which drew the wrath of a passing mottorist and his wife. While the fire was at its height, many of the firemen were having a relaxing lunch by the roadside when the motorist stopped and exclaimed bitterly that they had no business eating while a house was burning!

We received a nice letter from Mr. Orne Hiscox, son of Mrs. Louise Hiscox, whom many of us remember so well asking us to put his good mother's name on our Christmas page. He says she is fine and sends her regards to all her friends here. She is in her 90th year.

Our old and cherished friends, the Bill Dyers, phone from Rhode Island, to make sure their names got on our greeting page. the deadline had crept up on them as apparently it has done on a few others but we hope they will still make it --- these few others. Due to the poor mail system, we will try and hold off past the date of the 5th of December.

"Pass that turkey-platter. I need another load!"

(A scene from our highly successful Harvest Supper)

Nine members of our young choir were taken to the Icecapades in Springfield November 21st in appreciation for their faithful and tremendous contribution to our Church Services for the past year. They were accompanied by the Choir Director, Mrs. Frank Crook. Mrs. Rustin McIntosh helped greatly to make this trip possible. To the left you may see several of the choir watching intently one of the many exciting acts of the skaters. Each year choir members who have been regular in attendance are taken on a trip in appreciation of all they have done for our Church. Susan Slater, the organist, is included also of course.

A new and very beautiful 16-light colonial chandelier is expected to be installed and used for the first time on Christmas Sunday. It is a Memorial for Robert and Ruth Dort, John Skeer Rudd, former residents of Tyringham and Doctor James Couch, son of Rev and Mrs Franklin Couch. He was a Navy Doctor, killed in Korea in 1951. The chandelier was made in England, designed by our Tyringham Summer resident, Viggo Rambusch, President of the Rambusch Decorating Company, which has designed lighting and decorating for such structures as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., the Catholic Cathedral in Springfield and the Christian Scientist Mother Church in Boston.

Dedication of the Chandelier will take place during the regular service of Union Church on Sunday, December 27th.

Our Church is blest with another gift of 110 new Pilgrim hymnals, given in loving memory of Amy Woodin Fennelly by her family and her loving Friend, Dr. Gulielma F. Alsop, replacing the now worn-out similar hymnals given by her family in 1954. Dedication service for the gift of the hymnals will take place at some future date.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Slater, the Youth Fellowship of Union Church is most active. The most noteworthy of its achievements is the adoption of a foster child in Appalachia. The Group works hard to raise money to support their foster child through the "Save-the-Children" organization. They raised the sum of $46. for Unicef at Hallowe'en time. They have offered to decorate the Town Hall for the Town Christmas Tree celebration on December 22nd and they are making a Christmas spray for the Church Door.

Tyringham youth at Lee High School continue to do well as we have one on the High Honor Roll, four on the Honor Roll and one with Honorable mention. Linda Jones, daughter of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Jones attained High Honors. She is a Senior. David Hale, son of Mr & Mrs George Hale and Jennifer Canon, daughter of Mr & Mrs Northrup Canon, juniors, are on the Honor Roll along with Susan Slater, daughter of Mr & Mrs Charles Slater (she is a Sophomore) and Dawn Cernik, a Freshman, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Larry Cernik. Kevin Leach, Honorable Mention, son of Mr & Mrs Douglas Leach.

Our thanks to Davena Curtin and Caroline Canon for their great assistance in helping assemble the names on the Christmas Greeting page, They jogged the memories of quite a few.

Having trouble with pollution such as empty beercans strwen about? Two summer resident boys, Tonio Palmer and Richard Pappenheimer, have found a solution. They are waging a private war against littering of the countryside in Tyringham. This Fall they collected over 70 beer cans between Gilly Palmer's home and the Kay Palmer house. What did they do then? They had no containers to put the cans in so they just stopped cars going through town and handed over their collection to the astounded drivers!!! Talk about Yankee ingenuity! So next Spring when the snows of Winter have left our valley and its polluted roadsides, let us urge visitors from other towns to drive along Tyringham road. Will they be surprised! (Thank you Toni and Dick.)

A plea also has come in to us to ask Skiiers and skimobile drivers who use our slopes this Winter to please refrain from dumping their empty cans in the snow as the property owners in the Spring have a lot of messes to clean up when the snow vanishes!

Ashwell Heath, formerly of Tyringham and now a retired Warrant Officer extends to all Tyringham men in uniform the best of luck, whatever may be their branch of service.

S.M.S Charles Douglas McCarthy, now stationed in Greenland has been awarded the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster Commendation Medal for meritorious service while assigned from July 1969 to August 1970 to the 24th Weather Squadron in Randolph AFB. He is the grandson of Mrs. Percy Stanton and Mrs.Marie Moore.

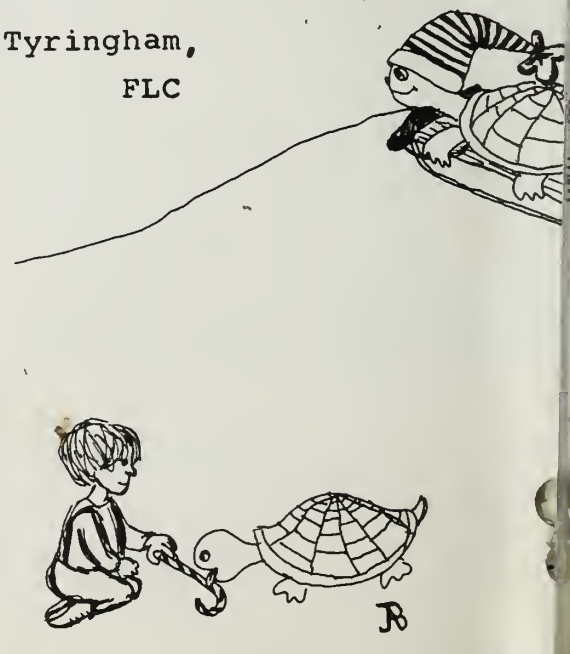
As for our other Tyringham men in the service of their Country, M/Sgt Sidney VanOrman is receiving further training in Florida prior to returning to Vietnam for a second tour of duty there. His family, ---wife Madeleine, daughter Holly, son, Scott, are living in Lee with Mrs. VanOrman's parent, Mr & Mrs Pat Zaccaria. Sid's brother, Dudley, also in the Air Force is statione at the University Of Connecticut in Storrs. Billy Brundige is in Germany with the Army and Sgt. Kenneth Jones, U.S.Army is at Sheppard AFB in Texas.

To all our service men and families go our best wishes and prayers that next Christmas may see them home with their families and the world at Peace. And thanks, comrades, for your service to your Country. We are all proud of you!

Yours for Tyringham,

FLC

(sketches of Myrtle & friends are by Jennifer Bishop, our staff artist.)



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Dear Folks:-

Greetings and best wishes to all of you who will soon observe Christmas and to you who will celebrate Hanukkah and we pray that next year we may observe these occasions in a world of Peace, a world of the brotherhood of all mankind under the fatherhood of God.

Last December when we were writing that letter to you all, it was December 4th and we mentioned that by then no snow had yet fallen and the ground was bare. A day or so later Winter arrived with all its fury. Well, this year, as you may know, we had a long Summer and Fall until Winter arrived again furiously on Thanksgiving Day and spoiled many a Thanksgiving Dinner as guests could not get over the highways.

We happened to remark to Myrtle, the Turtle, that we were enjoying the long Indian Summer though we wondered why it came when it did and stayed so long and Myrtle enlightened us, saying that Miss Clapp and Mrs. Olds brought it along with them when they came back to us from two years spent in India. We are grateful to them for this kind deed and we are indeed, grateful and happy that they are out of India and all the dangers that now beset that country.

Union Church will observe Christmas Sunday on December 19th at the usual 11.00 AM hour. Chimes will peal from the Holloway Memorial Music Tower and our youthful Choir is already practicing Christmas Carols with Mrs. Frank Crook, our Choir Director.

Our popular annual Carol and Candlelight Service will take place on Tuesday, December 21st at 7.30 PM.

As you will see by looking at our Christmas Greeting pages inserted in this issue of our TYRINGHAM TOPICS, we have an increase of family and individual greeting listings over last year and easily including over 400 individuals, if every member of a family is included and they certainly are. To Mrs. Mary Curtin in the store and Miss Caroline Canon canvassing we owe our thanks to assembling this long list, for here and there they reminded our people that Christmas Greeting time was nigh.

Somehow we failed to mention in our September letter that Mr & Mrs Gerald Drake of Housatonic are the proud parents of a daughter, Patricia Eileen Drake, born July 18th last. The young lady was baptized in Union Church on Sunday, September 26th. Her grandparents are Mr & Mrs Edwin O. Drake of Lee and Mr & Mrs Roy Heath also of Lee.

Since our last issue, Union Church was the scene of another wedding when John Player Crosby and Barbara Leventhal Bruun were married. They are both newcomers to Tyringham, having bought, with other members of their families the Spoerl house on Fernside. (See picture page)

In St. Ann's Church in Lee, on October 16th, Eugene Thomas Curtin, son of Mrs. Mary Curtin and the late Carl Curtin, married Nancy Carol Smith, daughter of Mr & Mrs Joseph C. Smith of Lee. Gene, is a graduate of Lee High School and the Univ. of Mass. and is employed by the Social Security Administration in Stamford, Ct. The bride is a graduate of Lenox High and St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and is a registered Nurse.

Everell Linus Downs, who made his home with Mr & Mrs Henning Carlson, died September 18th at the age of 60. His funeral took place in Union Church on the 23rd and he was buried in Tyringham cemetery. He served in World War 2 and was badly wounded in going in with the invasion forces at Omaha Beach.

Charles F. Johnson, an outstanding and greatly respected Tyringham citizen for many years died suddenly at the age of 74 while he was attending a convention of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, of which he was once President. He served the town long and well as both Chairman of the Board of Assessors and Chairman of the Tyringham School Committee. He was also once President of the Berkshire County Association of School Committees. He served in the Army in World War 1. His father was at one time Mayor of North Adams. Due to his extensive knowledge of schools and of the duties of an Assessor, and his long experience in both fields he will be greatly missed. His funeral was held in Union Church and he was buried in Tyringham Cemetery.

A committee to administer a Scholarship Fund in memory of Mr. Johnson has been formed with Arnold Hale as Chairman and Maurice J. Boulanger, Lee Supt.of Schools, as Secreatry-Treasurer, to whom all contributions should be sent. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Richard Birkett, Mrs. Richard Loring, and Peter Curtin.

Our Tyringham 4-H Club, known as the Tyr-Lee Rough Riders is a very enthusiastic group. Last Summer they held a Horse Show at Oak and Spruce Resort. Nancy Garner, daughter of Mr & Mrs Allan Garner, took several of the prizes. She is shown here → receiving an award from Miss Alice Hale, Club Leader, with George Hale looking on approvingly.

TWO WEDDINGS INVOLVING TYRINGHAM RESIDENTS

The Leventhal - Bruun Wedding (l to r) -The bride, the groom, and far right, the father of the groom.

Relatives and friends at the Curtin-Whalen wedding, two youngsters who grew up together in Tyringham

SCENES AT THE ANNUAL HOP BROOK CHRISTMAS FAIR

"Look, Sue, I think I see a customer coming! Brisk business at our Youth Fellowship table will sure help us support our foster child."

J. HOWARD ANN DAVIS

"What else have you got, Ann, for a bachelor to feast on?"

Myrtle,the Turtle, has just rushed in and announced with great pride that she has found out that an ancestor of hers was present in Bethlehem that first Christmas. We questioned this but Myrtle insisted she had just heard that the Wisemen came bringing gold, frankincense and Myrtle!

William Roerick, a fellow-Tyringhamite, was honored last June by being presented with an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters by Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y.(He graduated from Hamilton College with a Bachelor of Science degree.) Peggy Wood, the actress, presented him with his latest degree, also called a "Doctor of Fine Arts" and put on him his academic hood.His friend Tom Coley, also known in Tyringham, had written one play for the actress, "The Happiest Years" and used to write her TV program, "Mama". We understand that she has often visited Tyringham and has some Tyringham thyme growing in her garden in Stamford, Conn. Guess you all know that Kirkland, Hamilton College's sister college has a building named for our Mrs. Rustin McIntosh, who helpfound it. (Ye ed feels a sort of kinship with Hamilton as our daughter-in-law, Mrs Robert Couch, is the daughter of Professor Cameron of Hamilton's Physics Department.) Small world!

Our very sctive Youth Fellowship organized a Halloween Party for the benefit of UNICEF and for the entertainment of the youngsters who went out "Trick or Treating" October 30th.

They built a "Tunnel of Horrors" along one wall of our Community Center and at the end, waiting as the tunnelers emerged, was Jennifer Bishop, as the witch to hand them the hand of a corpse.! (It must have scared the daylights out of some!)

Games were played and every Jack-o-Lantern in that contest won. Nancy Twing had the ugliest; Randy Cernik, the oldest; Parker Fennelly, the most artistic; Johnny Heath,the most original and Nancy Heath, the prettiest. About $40.00 was collected for Unicef.

A bewitching witch

Lee High School Honor Roll for the first marking period of the School year lists Seniors Jennifer Canon and David Hale and Freshman Brenda VanOrman all for High Honors. Hooray for them!

To those of you who remember the Dodge family, who lived where our Adamses do now, Elmer Dodge has been retired for four years from the telephone company and the family is living on a small farm outside of Gorham, Maine. Paul is teaching in a college in Canada. Thomas is teaching in Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute. Julia's husband is in charge of the computer work at the University of New Hampshire. It's nice to know what old friends are doing since leaving Tyringham. (Thanks Elmer for your letter.)

Angelica McLennan and Philip Syp, who is from Lyon, France, will be married in New York City on December 24th and, we are told, they will be in Tyringham for Christmas.

Happy Holidays to you all.

Yours for Tyringham, FLC

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR PEACE

Our Father up in Heaven
Hear this Christmas prayer:
May the people of all nations
Be united in Thy care
For man's Peace and his salvation
Can come only by Thy grace
And not through bombs and missiles
And our quest for outer space....
So, God grant us Heavenly guidance
As Christmas comes again,
For more than GUIDED MISSILES
All the World needs GUIDED MEN!

Helen Steiner Rice

Christmas is a time for thinking, for forgiveness and for forgetting old grievances. It is a time for friendships to grow dearer. And particularly this year we, whose names appear on the following pages join together in greetings to each other and to all of you who read these pages. God bless each and all of you this Christmas time and may His Word enrich your lives all the year 'round.

Mr. Mrs. Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma F. Alsop
Rosa, Walt, Walt Jr & Heidi Alward
Richard, Georgia & Martha Birkett
Mr. W. B. Bishop, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. N.A.Bogdan
Donald & Lillian Bridgham
Mrs. Jeanette Brown
Erma & Jack Bucher
Helen & Ernest Butler
Mrs. Martin L. Butler
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cabral & Family
Caroline Canon
Dorothy Canon
Mr. & Mrs. John Canon & Jennifer
Mr. & Mrs. John G. Canon
Albert Carlson
Henning & Carolyn Carlson
Henning, Joyce, Michael & Kimberley
Carlson
Howard, Barbara, Steve, Cindy &
Karry Carlson
The 7 Cerniks
Mr. & Mrs. Ladislaw Cernik
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Choquette & Bob
Margaret Clapp & Lois Olds
Philippa Claude
Jerry & Elsie Clark & Girls
Joan, Marty, Sue, Tom, &
Tracy Clark
Wilbur, Bob, Pat, "Yogi" & Robin Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr. & Kerry
Terry, Chuck & David Clark
Thomas Coley
Bill & Caren Cosel
Rev. & Mrs. Franklin L. Couch
Robert, Janet, Laura, Molly, Sarah,
Robbie & Gordon Couch
Mr. & Mrs. Player Crosby & Family
Mrs. Frank Crook
Agnes Curtin
Sue, Denny & D.J. Curtin
Kathy, Jimmy, Denise, Kate &
Jim-Jim Curtin
John & Janice Curtin
Mary Curtin & Mrs. Fisher
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Curtin & Family
Peter, Deanna Curtin & Sons
Tommy & Maggie Curtin
Don & Ann Davis & Sons
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Dodge & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John K. Donald
In Memory of Everill L. Downs
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Drake & Family
Bill & Connie Dyer
Arthur & Agnes Dyer
Harry & Jane Dickson

Doug, Janet, Lyman & Neil Eddy
Beverly & Jim Elsensohn
Niki & John Emerson
Mr. & Mrs. James Fawcett, John, Donald & Annette
Marilyn & Bill Fennelly & Parker
Eddie, Diane, Adam & Darrell Fennelly
Everett, Mary Ann Fennelly, Everett, Amy & Kathleen
Helen Gaisford & John
Allan, Mary, David & Nancy Garner
Bill & Marian Gelsleichter
Rosamond Gilder
Mrs. Arthur Gilmore
Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Goldmuntz & Family
The Hales at Sunset Farm
George, Jean & David Hale
Arnold, Sandy, Cathy & Suzie Hayne
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Heath & Family
Ashwell Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Heath
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Heath
Louise Hiscox
Sarah Hudson
Mr. & Mrs. William F. Jackacky, Jr & Alan
Mary Jarrett & Gladys Sheldon
In Memory of Charles Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jones & Family
Mrs. H. M. Keating
Manfred & Janice Kerk & June Stedman
Mr. & Mrs. Wilson H. Kierstead, Rudd & Nicky
Grace & Ken Knickerbocker
The Kraszeski Family
Mrs. William Larkin
Douglas, Marion & Kevin Leach
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Leventhal
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Leventhal & Family
Roger, Ruth & Bruce Logan
Beatrice, Charles & Russell Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Fred A. Loring
Harry & Olive Loring
Ben, Roberta & little Ben Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loring & Family
Joe, Evelyn & little Joe Loring
Tunk, Dede, Rhonda, Elaine, Chuck & Tony Loring
The Luchars Family
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
Ward McCarthy
McLennans & Family:- John & Katherine
Holly, Susie, Angelica & Philippe Syp,
Judy & Scott McLennan, Moo, Jennifer
Also Gigi, Alibra, Elvis & Barnie!
Ted & Helena Miller & Family
Sarah, Sam, Jonathan, Anne & Chris Moffett
Marie Moore
Grace Morin

Mr. & Mrs. J. Robert Moskin & Family
Myrtle, the Turtle
Olga Olin
Francesca Palmer
Kay, Lisa, Tonio & Helena Palmer
The Pappenheimer Family
Edward N. Perkins,Sr and
(In memoriam Kate Riggs Perkins), Sister Catherine
Louise (Maria Louisa Perkins), Mary Eleanor Montgomery,
and Raymond B. Montgomery, Kate Montgomery, Mary M.
Howard and Douglas Howard, Eleanor Montgomery,
Edward C. Perkins, Louise D. Perkins (Petey) Maria
Louise Prentice and Nathaniel Prentice, Edward N.
Perkins, Jr., James H. Perkins, David C. Perkins,
Kate Riggs Perkins.
George & Viola Picken
Jesse Pierce
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pothul & Family
The Pursells
Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Quinson & Family
Viggo, Catha, Kristin, Edwin, Martin & Lucia Rambusch
General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Mr. Samuel Reber
Dorothea & Edward Reynolds
Tootie, Fred, Martha & Jane Read
Martha & Guy Robb
Mrs. W.G. Roerich
William Roerick
Mrs. John S. Rudd
Lord Arthur Salter
Dr. & Mrs. Jacob Salzman
Eugene, Ina & Erich Schnell
Catherine Schots
Charles & Liz Slater & Family
Grace Slater
Mary & Gene Smith
Isabelle Stanton
Alice S. Thain
Blanche & Bill Thober
Marguerite Tiffany
Mr. & Mrs. Asher E. Treat
Stephanie,Heather, Sue & Bryan Treat
Betty Truax, Alice, Hawley & Charles
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hawley Truax
Betty, Eddie, Jane, Linda, Kim and Deane Twing
Helen & Eddie Twing
Toni, Gerry & Nancy Twing
Gordon, Kate, Brenda, Glenn & Barbara VanOrman
Sid, Mickey, Holly & Scott VanOrman
Mr. & Mrs, Louis Weitzman
Mrs. Emily Welch
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Whalen
Bert, Karen, Keith & Timmy Williams
Evelyn Winters
Ken, Lil, Michael, Jim, Troy & Patrick Winters
Anna Woodward

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MARCH 1971
Spring Letter

Dear Folks:-

Just returning from a vacation cruise and visits to seven islands in the Caribbean and TYRINGHAM TOPICS must be written! While we had beautiful sunny weather and 90 degree temperature, we arrived in New York in the midst of one of the worst storms of the winter but drove home without any trouble so here we are. (Myrtle, the Turtle had to pull us out of a drift once, inasmuch as our rented car was not a VW!)

This has truly been SOME winter!!! We had to cancel the Church service on December 13th due to the heaviest snowfll in years and then again on March 7th, the first Sunday after our vacation. But we were able to hold our Christmas Sunday service on December 20th and our Carol and Candlelight service on the 23rd. The singing of carols along with the Choir by our congregation and the carol music from the Holloway Memorial Music Tower added much to the Christmas season in Tyringham. The Annual Community Christmas Tree observance led by Charles Slater and Santa Claus was held in the Town Hall on December 22nd.

photo by Dawn Cernik

On Sunday, December 27th we dedicated the beautiful, 18-light colonial chandelier given in memory of

Robert and Ruth Dort
John Skeer Rudd
Doctor James Couch

and about which we told you in detail, in our December letter. Along with the chandelier are two flood lights, inserted in the ceiling.

Robert and Ruth Dort and John Skeer Rudd were former residents of Tyringham for many years and James Couch was a Navy Doctor killed in Korea.

The Annual Meeting of Union Church was held on Wednesday, January 13th with the following officers or Committee members being elected:- Moderator, Charles Slater; Deacon, Kenneth Jones; Deaconess, Davena Curtin; Clerk, Davena Curtin;Treasurer, Marilyn Fennelly; Church Comm, Dr Rustin McIntosh; Finance Comm, Willis Fennelly; Trustee, Judy Reber; Nominating Comm., Judy Reber; Auditor, Lois Kraszeski; Sunday School Supt, Kate VanOrman; Asst. Supt, Elizabeth Slater; Delegates, Beatrice and Russell Loring; Alternates, Ruth Couch, Isabelle Stanton.

Our splendid Youth Fellowship Group conducted the Sunday Service on February 14th, the first Sunday your minister was on vacation. From all we hear, they did a very outstanding service. David Hale was in the pulpit and had as his subject "The Ten Commandments." We regret that we have no pictures to reproduce herewith. We can all be very proud of this organization, led by Mrs. Charles Slater and Mrs. Willis Fennelly. The Church was well-filled and the contributions will help the Youth Fellowship support a foster child in Appalachia.

On Sunday January 17th, assisted by Mrs. Gilder Palmer and her son, Reese, we dedicated the new Pilgrim Hymnals, the gift of Dr. Gulielma Fell Alsop and the family of Amy Woodin Fennelly, in her memory. Besides the Fennelly family, several others also received copies. The new hymnals are bound in red and are beautiful.

On Sunday, January 31st, Timothy Michael Williams, son of Albert and Karen Winters Williams, was baptized.

A son, Anthony Roger, was born December 16, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loring, Jr of Otis. Grandparents are Mr & Mrs John Curtin of Tyringham and Mr & Mrs Charles Loring, Sr of Otis. And a daughter, Heide Irene, arrived at the home of her parents. Mr & Mrs Walter Alward of Otis, January 7th, 1971. The grandparents are Mr & Mrs Charles Loring, Sr of Otis and Mrs. Gertrude Richards of Winsted, Ct.

Mrs. Frank Crook of North Egremont, Mass has been welcomed into our Associate membership and has consented to be our Choir Director. For some time now, she has been training our Choir and we are most fortunate to have her as she has trained many such choirs in other churches, where her husband, the late Rev. Frank Crook, was minister.

Deacon Kenneth Jones is now Senior Deacon and has been elected by the Church Committee as its Chairman. Corinne Lunt is Chairman of the Deaconneses. The Committee recently appointed the following committeess: Flower, Marilyn Fennelly, Caroline Canon, Betty Cernik; Music, Elizabeth Slater, Ruth Couch, Bernice Crook; with Lois Kraszeski, our beloved former organist, as Advisor. The Religious Education Committee is Kate VanOrman and Elizabeth Slater. The Missionary Committee is Corinne Lunt and Betty Cernik.

We are extremely sorry that some names did not appear on our Christmas Greeting page but we have to set a deadline and we announce the page in our September letter. We have to depend on you good friends to let us know if you want your names to appear and in what form. Then on the deadline date we alphabeticize all the names received; check them and double check and then list them. There is no time to write in and remind you for it takes over 14 hours in all to get this page and the other pages of the Christmas letter in shape for the printer. (Myrtle, the Turtle, never fails to shed tears when she finds some of her friends have been left off. So please cheer Myrtle and everyone send in your names on time.)

Tyringham has held its two town meetings --- one for making the appropriations for the year and the second for electing its officers. The first, the business meeting, we are told produced some fireworks, which are typical of New England Town Meetings anyway but a stalwart and very capable Moderator kept the meeting on an even keel, we are told. A total of $117,017.29 was appropriated. (Charles Slater was the Moderator.) Myrtle, the Turtle, has offered to contribute the 29 cents towards the total appropriations. Chm of the Assessors, Charlie Johnson, said that there is hope that the tax rate of $14. can be kept. Chairman Henning Carlson of the Selectmen reminded the meeting that Tyringham has one of the lowest tax rates in Massachusetts. This statement naturally drew a round of applause.

Those elected to Town offices are:- Selectman, Henning Carlson; School Committee, Mrs. Georgia Birkett; Assessor, Peter L. Curtin; Cemetery Trustee, John N. Canon; and as Cem Trustee for 2 year term, Richard Loring; Moderator, Charles Slater; Town Clerk, Miss Alice Hale;Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Clark; Auditor, Willis Fennelly; Park Commissioner, James Curtin; Library Trustee, Mrs. Kathleen, VanOrman.

While this winter has been a tough one in every way, we just want to tell those who have not experienced it up here in the Berkshires that Tyringham's roads were cleared promptly after every storm and far better than were those in other parts of the County and in the Commonwealth as well. "Hoppy" --- excuse us, we meant to say Richard Loring, Bruce Logan and Tommy Curtin deserve great credit for keeping the roads in such excellent condition. By the way --- Hoppy -- er --- Richard Loring has been appointed by the Selectmen as Road Superintendent.

Tyringham now has a new Librarian and a good one she is--- Mrs, Willis Fennelly. The three Trustees are Mrs. Percy Stanton, Mrs. Gordon VanOrman and Mrs. Allan Garner. Mrs. Stanton was last year's Librarian but resigned as she spends six months or so out of each year, basking in the sun of Florida, visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr & Mrs Charles McCarthy of Gainesville.

Many of you "out-of-towners-for-the-winter" probably have not heard that South House, on Fernside, was sold in December by Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Potter to Mr. Gary Devore of Los Angeles for $185,000. Mr. Devore is associate producer of the Steve Allen television show and husband of the widow of singer Nat King Cole. The estate includes a 15-room house as well as two cottages, a combination barn and garage, and a stable. The house was built in 1917 on land that was at one time owned by the Shakers.

We welcome the Devore Family to Tyringham and hope we shall meet them soon. They are in New York and/or California, we understand, during the winter months.

John Canon, son of Mr & Mrs Nort Canon has been promoted to a Research and Testing Engineer and Laboratory Co-ordinator He is with the E.D.Jones Division, Beloit Corporation's Pittsfield office. He was formerly located with their Dalton office.

Congratulations and best wishes to Harriet Heath(Mrs. John . Heath, on her 90th Birthday, January 20, 1971, Tyringham's oldest inhabitant, still young in spirit, bless her!

PALM SUNDAY, April 4th, GOOD FRIDAY, April 9th and EASTER SUNDAY, April 11th will be celebrated appropriately by Union Church in Tyringham. Our Choir and Organist, with the assistance of our Choir Director, Mrs. Frank Crook, are preparing for the Easter season.

A surprise Coffee Hour was planned to be held after the Church service on Sunday, March 7th, to welcome back your Minister and his wife. But the weatherman surprised the Youth Fellowship with a heavy snowstorm so the surprise was finally held after Church on the following Sunday, March 14th. It was a very nice gesture on the part of our Youth Fellowship and greatly appreciated by those concerned.

Miss Brenda VanOrman, speaking for the Youth Fellowship group gives this message:- "The Youth Fellowship would like to thank all the people who attended our Church Service on Feb. 14th. With the contributions that were made, we are able to support our foster child for a year. Again we would like to thank everyone who attended" To your left is a photo of 10 yr old Terry Owens, the foster child sponsored by our Youth Fellowship. He is in the 4th grade in school, in Livingston, Kentucky. (pop-50) It is a one-room school with 14 students. The family lives in a 1-room home, heated by a coal stove. There is no indoor bathroom. From the money earned so far by the Youth Fellowship activities, the care of Terry for a year has been raised and sent in.

A real tribute to a good man is shown by Henning Carlson's re-election as Chairman of Tyringham's Board of Selectmen for his 13th successive term, as Selectman, and his Chairmanship since 1963. (Mr. Carlson thanks all who voted for him, as the size of the vote was very gratifying and rewarding.

Three vacationing on a Caribbean Beach

We caught Myrtle, the Turtle, perched on Mary Curtin's store porch and licking off a sticker on a car bumper, which read

"THINK SNOW"

Guess that's all for now, folks.

Yours for Tyringham,

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June 1971
Summer Letter

Dear Folks:-

Since our March letter, much has happened so here we go:-

Easter Sunday Church service was a joy, (as usual on Easter) to behold, as our Church was well-filled. The Easter music by our organist and our young choir was superb and the Music Tower given by the Holloway family added to our great observance of the great day.

Doctor Gulielma Alsop has given a young tree to beautify our Church grounds and Ken Jones has planted alongside Tyringham Road.

During the absence of the minister due to a bout with pneumonia, the pulpit was occupied on May 23rd and 30th by Rev. Earl Heck of Otis and on June 6th by Rev. Ivan Welty of Sheffield. And for Children's Day, June 13th, the minister still recuperating, the service was conducted by Deacon Kenneth Jones, Mrs. Gordon VanOrman, the Sunday School Superintendent and some of the children themselves. Baptisms were postponed to Sunday, June 20th, when the following were baptized by ye Minister, now back on his feet:-

Mary Frances Curtin, daughter of Mr & Mrs Neil Curtin
Jon Patrick Clark, son of Mr & Mrs Charles Clark of Lee

Our Youth Fellowship has a new leader, Mrs. Herbert Heath of Lenoxdale, a worthy successor to Mrs Charles Slater who resigned in May. Mrs. Slater was a very splendid leader and the growth and activities of our Youth Fellowship were largely due to her sincere interest and thoughtfulness. Our Church greatly appreciates her service to our Church and community.

The Hop Brook Club has set Wednesday, August 4th for its Annual Fair and the hours will be from 1.00 to 4.00 pm.

The Church Committee has appointed the following Committee to plan and serve our 16th Annual Strawberry Festival Supper, which is scheduled for the near future, date not yet known:-
Marilyn Fennelly, Chairman, Betty Cernik, Caroline Canon, Barbara Adams and Ruth Heath.

We are happy to have back with us from her sojourn in Florida our staunch Church member, Mrs. Percy Stanton.

TYRINGHAM GRADUATES 1971

Dr. Jon Kraszeski, son of Mr & Mrs Lucyan Kraszeski, graduated June 5, as Doctor of Medicine from Milton S. Hershey Med.Center Penn.State University College of Medicine. He will start his internship at Albany Med.Center July 1

Martha Birkett, daughter of Mr & Mrs Richard Birkett, graduated from Berkshire Community College on June 3rd with degree of Associate in Business Arts.

Alan Kraszeski, son of Mr & Mrs Lucyan Kraszeski, graduated June 6th from Culinary Insitute of America in New Haven
He will be with Camp Greylock, Becket, this Summer as 3rd Chef and Steward.

IN CAP AND GOWN FROM LEE HIGH ON JUNE 6th:-

Donald Cernik, son of Mr & Mrs Larry Cernik, will enter Berkshire Community College this Fall.

Linda Jones, daughter of Mr & Mrs Kenneth Jones, graduated as one of top 6th in her class; won Fontana scholarship; Gregg medal and membership in National Honor Society. Will enter Berkshire Community College in Fall.

Charles Slater, Jr son of Mr & Mrs Slater will enter Berkshire Community College this Fall

Leslie Brundige received her diploma from Lee High "in absentia."

Now --- last but not least, three graduates from Tyringham School:-

Jamie Curtin, son of Mr & Mrs Peter Curtin; Edward Loring, son of Mr & Mrs Richard Loring and Edward Pothul, son of Mr & Mrs Edward Pothul.

While we are on the subject of schools, in the term just closed, High Honors went to Senior Linda Jones and Junior David Hale while Honors were won by Senior Charles Slater, Junior Jennifer Canon and Sophomore Susan Slater.

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society was awarded to Jennifer Canon, daughter of Mr & Mrs Northrup Canon and David Hale, son of Mr & Mrs George Hale.

Elizabeth Santonastasi

Our Youth Fellowship staged an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the town. Here are two winners.

Marjorie Slater

On May 2nd, the Tyringham Civic Association sponsored a "Roadside Cleanup for Earth Week" and, assisted by many adults and children all the roads in town were covered ---our main road, Church, Jerusalem, McCarthy, Fernside, Webster and Monterey. The drivers were William Roerick, Clinton Elliott, Larry Cernik, Dr.Rustin McIntosh, Caroline Canon, Stetson Adams, Charles Slater, Hazel Pothul, Francis Darey, Betty Cernik, General Miles Reber, Donald Cernik and Peter Curtin. (Myrtle, the Turtle, presents an orchid to each of the above drivers and a rose to all others who participated.) Forty-six people were involved!

Mr & Mrs Richard Birkett of Howard Farm have purchased the former Walter C. Stedman house next Curtin's Store from Rev & Mrs Archie Peace who are moving to Lenox. An interesting feature of the house is the old-fashioned fireplace with the "bee-hive" oven at the side. It is said that there is also a fireplace in the present kitchen that backs up to the first one. It is said that "not much is known about this house" in Mrs. Myers' "Hinterland Settlement" but Mrs. Birkett intends to find out all she can about it.

The Community Swimming Pool now has a fine pier, thanks to Dick ("Hoppy") Loring, Jimmy Curtin, Stetson Adams and Walter Howard.

Mrs John Curtin, chairman of the annual Red Cross Drive has announced that Tyringham again has gone "over the top" and the amount raised at present is $341.45.

Mrs. Mary Curtin has now been officially appointed as Postmistress of Tyringham, effective as of May 15th. Everyone knows Mrs Curtin so more need not be said except that everyone is greatly pleased at her appointment.

Amongst our graduates we should have listed and run a photo of G. James Fawcett who has received a Master of Arts degree in liberal studies at Wesleyan's graduate school for teachers. (Apologies, Jim)

Our Tyringham boys are quite interested in baseball. We have three on Lee's Little League teams --- Glenn VanOrman on the Hurlbuts, and Peter Curtin Junior and his brother, James, playing for the Merchants. Then there are the younger "farm" teams with Eddie Pothul, playing on the Poole team; Gerald Curtin, Rickey and Eddie Loring, on the "5 & 10" team; Terry Curtin on "Joe's Diner and Jeffrey Cernik on the Johansson team.

Mr & Mrs Gilder Palmer have announced the engagement of Mrs. Palmer's daughter, Comfort Tiffany Gilder, to Rev. Hermon Camp Gordinier of Boston. The wedding is planned for August 28th at Trinity Church, Lenox. The bridegroom is an Episcopal priest.

We recently read in the EAGLE'S 25 years ago notes that Henry Hudson Kitson, Tyringham's sculptor was 83 at that time, was a native of England, had been knighted By Queen Victoria and married Louise Hubron of Tyringham. Some of you might be interested to know that Mrs. Helen (Bidwell) Lukeman, widow of sculptor Augustus Lukeman, died last week in Florida. She was a native of Stockbridge and a descendant of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, first minister in Tyringham.

Friends from all over the County, joined relatives in congratulating and wishing continued happiness to a most popular and beloved Couple, Mr & Mrs Kenneth A. Knickerbocker on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Reception held June 20th in our Community Center.

Have a good Summer, Folks,

Yours for Tyringham,

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P.S. Myrtle, the Turtle Has graduated from Hop Brook High School

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Autumn Letter

Dear Folks:-

Nothing much quiet about Tyringham this past Summer. We have much to tell you about and pictures to go with some of the events.

We'll start with the weddings --- five of them. First there was the marriage of Comfort Tiffany Gilder, daughter of Mrs. Gilder Palmer who was married to Rev. Herman Camp Cordinier in the Stockbridge Episcopal Church on August 28th.

On Wednesday, August 25th, Katharine Bertha Urquhart, daughter of Brian Urquhart was the bride of Katsuto Ohno in our Union Church.

On Monday August 30th Mary Toy Montgomery, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Raymond B. Montgomery of Baltimore, Md. married Douglas Robert Howard of Wakefield, Mass. in Union Church. The bride is the grand-daughter of Mr. Edward Perkins, Sr.

The following Saturday, September 4th at 11.00 AM Reese Shepard, son of Dr. Edward Shepard(& grand-nephew of our Dr. Gulielma Alsop) married Janice Elaine Carlson, of Cambridge under the blue sky in a meadow across from Dr. Shepard's house.

At the end of that ceremony, the minister hastened to Union Church where he married John Neil Curtin, Jr to Janice Irene Whalen, both of Tyringham, the groom being the son of Mr & Mrs J. Neil Curtin and the bride, the daughter of Mr & Mrs. Joseph Whalen. (Indeed 'twas a busy but happy day, for we then drove over to New Boston Church in Sandisfield to perform another wedding. Cupid is quite a guy!)

While we're mentioning Cupid's activities, we must add that Eugene Curtin, son of our Mary Curtin and the late Carl Curtin, is to marry Nancy Carol Smith, daughter of Mr & Mrs Joseph Smith of Lenox on October 16th at St. Ann's Church in that town.

Robert Barnes Rudd, longtime summer resident of Tyringham on Fernside died July 3rd at the age of 83. He was a Professor of English Literature at Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. He was a brother of Mrs. R. Hawley Truax and a brother-in-law of Mrs. John S. Rudd.

Mrs. Elizabeth Depping, 83, widow of Dr. Charles Depping died in a Lenox Nursing Home. She was a member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Lee.

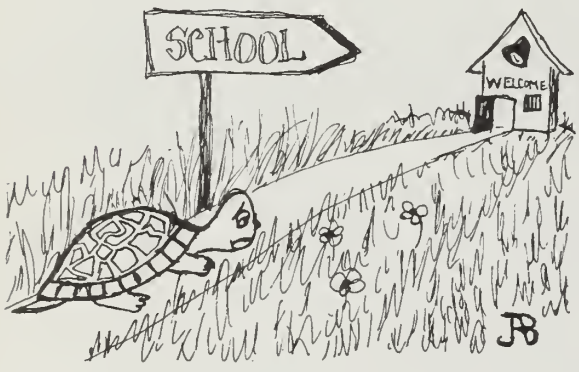
The Tyringham Civic Club held its Annual Picnic at the Swimming Pool with an attendance of 85, a great increase over the attendance last year.(see photos)

The Tyr-Lee Riders Horse Show on June 26th at Oak 'n Spruce Resort was a great success. Our Club had four winners in every event. According to what was told us enthusiastically, Nancy Garner daughter of Mr & Mrs Alan Garner, took most of the honors.

Well, the baseball season is over and the Little League Championship was the Hurlbut team. On it were Glenn VanOrman of Tyringham and his cousin, Scott VanOrman of Lee, who is very much Tyringham connected as his dad, M/Sgt Sidnay, is Tyringham-raised. He is now in Vietnam with the Air Force and has been decorated for bravery. Both families, the Gordon VanOrmans and the Sidney VanOrmans are Church members here.

Its always nice to hear from former Tyringham residents and to pass on to everyone interested, any news about what they are doing. A letter from Mary Gene Rubin, daughter of Mr & Mrs. Raymond Smith, tells us she has been in Tulsa, Oklahoma for almost six years and is now secretary to the district sales manager of Republic Steel. Her son, Lance, entered first grade this Fall. Mary Gene's grandparents are Mr & Mrs Kenneth Knickerbocker of Tyringham.

Mrs. John Rudd and Mr. & Mrs. James Fawcett, their children and Miss Martha Birkett journeyed to England, Scotland and Wales this past Summer and visited with friends. Martha was able to enjoy seeing her brother, Donald and his family in Cinderford, Gloucestershire, England. Don, as many of us remember, was a Tyringham youth, and is the son of Mr & Mrs Richard Birkett.



The Dr. John Pappenheimer family of Tyringham and Cambridge are spending the year at Cambridge, England, where the Doctor will be and International Fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge University. Mrs. Pappenheimer and the two younger children, Ros and Richard will be at Cambridge; Glenn will attend Bristol University and William will be at school in Cambridge, living with an English family.

Miss Margaret (Peggy) Reber, daughter of Major General and Mrs. Miles Reber is now in Switzerland, teaching English in a school over there.

Tyringham folks seem to be spread more or less all over the World. As we have already mentioned, Sid VanOrman is in Vietnam. Also, another Tyringham man in the Armed Forces of his country, Sgt. Kenneth Jones, is in Thailand as a Crew Chief with the Air Force. SM/Sgt Chas. McCarthy, also in the Air Force is stationed in Greenland. S/Sgt Dudley VanOrman, however, is in this country and in Connecticut. As you see above, Myrtle, the Turtle, has gone back to school and to Cobble College. She wanted to join the Army WACS as a tank but was too young.

Our Annual Harvest Supper of turkey and all the fixin's, home-cooked will take place in mid-October, definite date not yet set. We have had 2 very successful and enjoyable Public Suppers so far this season. On the two suppers we have served this year we have already cleared much more than we did on four suppers last year. Our Tyringham cooking is famous!

IT IS NOW THE TIME TO REMIND YOU ALL that our next issue of our TYRINGHAM TOPICS will include the annual CHRISTMAS GREETING section with its joint greetings in color, followed by the names of all the families or individuals who wish to extend greetings to all readers of the News-Letter, over approximately a thousand of all ages, past and present Tyringhamites and friends and our boys in the Armed Forces. We appreciate receiving these names along with $1.00 per name or at least per family. Please write your names as you want them to appear. Without the receipts from the Christmas page we would be unable to send you this Newsletter every three months free of charge. You see this is entirely self-supporting. Because some of you have been so generous in the past we have been able to send you many pictures among its pages. May we remind you, also, that our mailing costs have gone up. How well you must know and then consider further that by listing your names, <u>you</u> are saved postage and Christmas cards in greetings to your friends here in Tyringham and elsewhere. Please make checks <u>payable to TYRINGHAM TOPICS</u>. This will be our eighth Christmas Greeting page and more names are added each year. Please send in soon so you wont forget. Some forgot last year and Myrtle, the Turtle, on looking over the list felt so badly that some of her friends had neglected to greet her that she wept crocodile tears. And THAT, my friends, is a phenomenon --- a turtle shedding crocodile tears! We should have the names by December 1st. Please don't forget. (Time marches quickly on, you all must know!)

The Tyringham Swimming Pool, scene of the 2nd Civic Club sponsored community Picnic. 95 came this year!

WHOOPEE! My, those hamburgers smell great!

"Wonder what they're cooking!"

"Let's EAT!"

High wind storm toppled tree on June 25th. It came down between the Gelsleichter house and their car, harming neither.

Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Picken prepare Food Sale table at highly successful Hop Brook Fair

First group of ever growing crowd waiting to get in to one of our Suppers!

Main Building in Tyringham Estates over in England, now a Health Center & Clinic, a splendid example of Georgian architecture.

May we remind you that"Tyringham Estates" is not a town and that our Tyringham is the only community in the whole world named TYRINGHAM, truly a unique distinction. (Mrs. Eloise Myers has promised to send us some hitherto undiscovered snecdotes about Tyringham of the past.)

Our very active and dedicated Youth Fellowship, held an old-fashioned "Hymn Sing" on the steps and lawn in front of the Church on the 10th of September. It was a beautiful little service and the young people, worked very hard to make it impressive in content and in surroundings. They received but little response and support from parents and our own townspeople. Exceptionally fine are the young people of Tyringham and they deserve much more appreciation and cooperation from adults.

Yours for Tyringham, F.L.C.

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MARCH 1972
Spring Letter

Dear Folks:-

What a nice "summery" Winter MOST of it was! Now we can look forward to Spring and with Myrtle egging us on we are tempted to quote from the Song of Solomon, Chapter 2, 11-12 :- "For lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the Turtle is heard in our land."

For 2½ Sundays, Church services were unable to carry on. I say 2½ because on Sunday, the 10th of January, we had to cut the service 1/4 way through the sermon because the furnace had gone out from lack of fuel according to investigation. It grew cold and your minister dismissed the congregation for health reasons. (Myrtle, the Turtle, said that "even the hot air from the pulpit could not keep the Church warm!) Sometimes Myrtle can be quite unkind. The 2 other Sundays no services due to blizzards.

Since we wrote you last December, we held our Annual Meeting on January 12th. Most officers were re-elected but the new ones taking office were:- Charles Slater as Deacon, for 3 yrs; Betty Cernik as Deaconess for 3 yrs; Dr. Rustin McIntosh as Treasurer for 1 yr; Judy Reber as Member-at-Large of Church Committee for 2 years; Ruth Heath as Finance Committee member for 3 yrs and Mrs. Rustin McIntosh to the Nominating Committee for 3 yrs.

Our Annual Christmas Carol and Candlelight Service was well attended as usual. Our Choir led in the carol singing and added so much to the service as well as at the Christmas Sunday service. Mrs. Crook, our organist and choir director has trained a very fine choir of our young people:- Susan Slater, Dawn Cernik, Brenda VanOrman, Ruth Heath, Jennifer Bishop, Barbara VanOrman, Nancy Heath, Sammy Slater and Edward Pothul. Carols were also played on the Holloway Memorial Music Tower. thus sharing them out over the air.

The marriage of Francis Earl Wilson of Lee and June Anne Tuskes Brown of SanDiego, California took place in Union Church on Saturday, January 29, 1972. Christopher Wilson was Best Man for his father and Miss Susan Wilson was Maid of Honor. Donald Lucy, son-in-law of the Bride Groom gave the Bride in marriage. The couple are living with their children in the Wilson home on Tyringham Road in Lee.

Christopher J. Curtin, infant son of Neil and Helen Hathaway Curtin, died at the time of his birth in Pittsfield General Hospital on February 11th. Private burial took place in the Tyringham Cemetery on February 15th. Besides his parents he leaves three brothers, John N., David P. and Gerald W., three sisters, Darleen M. ,Molly A. and Mary F. His grandparents Mr. and Mrs John Curtin and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Percy Stanton, also live in Tyringham.

George Picken 73, well-known artist and long-time resident of Tyringham, died December 28th, 1971 at St. Luke's Hospital in Pittsfield. He had studied art in New York and taught for 21 years at Columbia University. He also taught art at the Cooper Union and the Brooklyn Museum and in the Summers at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield. He won many awards and his paintings and prints are in the permanent collections of the Whitney Museum in New York, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Library of Congress and Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington and the Newark N.J. Museum, and in the private collections of individuals and universities. He leaves his wife, a son, a daughter, a sister and four grandchildren. Private services were held and burial was in the Tyringham Cemetery.

Henning M. Carlson, 74, Chairman of Tryingham's Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police died February 24th at Pittsfield General Hospital. He was an outstanding citizen, much admired and respected by all who knew him. His death is a distinct loss to our town for he was active for 15 years as a Selectman and he was also a Deputy Sheriff of Berkshire County. He was Chairman of the Community Action Council for Southern Berkshire. He was a graduate of Columbia University and was employed for 19 years by the General Electric Company in Pittsfield, retiring from that firm in 1962. Besides his wife, the former Carolyn Clark, he leaves a son, Henning C. Carlson of Tyringham, a brother, Albert of Pompano Beach, Florida, who used to live in Tyringham, and two grandchildren. His funeral was held in Union Church with burial following in Tyringham Cemetery.

A many-time Summer visitor to Tyringham, Samuel Reber 68, brother of Major General Miles Reber, U.S.Army (ret), a resident of Tyringham, died December 25, 1971 in Princeton, N.J. Hospital. His was a long and distinguished career in the State Department of our country, commencing as vice-consul in Lima, Peru and ending as high commissioner for Germany, his final post in the foreign service, from which he retired in 1953.

It is so nice to be able to announce High Honors in Lee High School for our Tyringham youth. This time we proudly announce three names:-.Jennifer Canon, daughter of Mr & Mrs, Northrup Canon, David Hale, son of Mr & Mrs George Hale, both Seniors and Brenda VanOrman, daughter of Mr & Mrs Gordon VanOrman, a Freshman.

PALM SUNDAY on March 26th, GOOD FRIDAY evening on March 31st at 7.30 pm and EASTER SUNDAY, on April 2nd will be observed by Union Church. Easter season music is being prepared by our Choir under the leadership of our organist and choir Dircetor, Mrs. Frank Crook.

Myrtle, the Turtle is all bewildered. Coming out from her igloo in the snow last week, she thought she had slept for months. She saw Christmas wreaths and other decorations displayed on homes and she thought sure that Christmas was on the way.and she though she had missed the Summer season of 1972.

Roger Logan, Deacon for years, and Marilyn Fennelly, a most capable Treasurer for three years, declined re-election this year. Our deep appreciation for jobs well done.

The beautiful Christmas border on our December issue was drawn by our Staff Artist, Jennifer Bishop.

On East Sunday afternoon our Youth Fellowship will sponsor an egg hunt for youngsters of Tyringham.

At Town Meetings the sum of $146,664.35 was appropriated. Raymond E. Smith, a former Assessor, was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles Johnson. Receiving write-in votes he defeated the two caucus nominees. Others elected or re-elected were: Moderator, Charles Slater;Town Clrk, Alice Hale; Selectman, Robert Clark;Town Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Clark; Cemetery Trustee, Mrs. Grace Slater; Auditor, Willis Fennelly; School Committee, Alan Garner; Park Commission, Larry Cernik; Library Trustee, Mrs. Willis Fennelly; Assessor (3 yrs) Edward Fennelly. The town also vited for Beano.

The 1972 Camera Club has started with 12 members:- Bobby Clark, Kerry Clark, Barbara VanOrman, Denise Curtin, Nancy Heath, Everett Fennelly, Edward Pothul, Terry Curtin, Gerald Curting, Ricky Loring, Eddie Loring and Jeffrey Cernik.

The Wilson-Brown Wedding
Miss Susan Wilson,The Bride, The Groom and Christopher Wilson.

Tyringham Schools Christmas Group of entertainers. Our Youth Fellowship provided the tree and collected the names of the youngsters entitled to receive gifts from Santa Claus.

We would here give sincere thanks in behalf of all Tyringham. for the splendid jobs of snow removal and sanding of the roads done by Richard Loring, Bruce Logan and Roger Logan. Other towns might well follow their example.

Word has been received from Orne Hiscox, Cave Creek, Arizona that his mother, Mrs. Edward (Louise) Hiscox died last week in her sleep. She was well known in Tyringham, having come here in 1922 and lived in the house now occupied by Mr & Mrs William Thober. She was very active in the Hop Brook Club and was noted for her keen sense of humor. She left Tyringham in 1963 to live with her son and his wife in Arizona.

A son, Brian Jeffrey, was born to Mr & Mrs John Canon of Dalton on March 14th. He "weighed in" at 8 lbs 6 oz. His proud Daddy used to live in Tyringham and is the son of Mr & Mrs J. Northrup Canon, and the equally proud mother was Marie Buffoni of Lee before her marriage, the daughter of Mr & Mrs Raymond Buffoni.

Misfortune recently struck one of Tyringham's most popular families --- and it struck twice. On January 17th Charles Slater was at work on his farm when he was injured seriously while working on a tractor. He sustained six broken ribs, an injury to vertebrae in his neck and bad bruises all over. His son, Sammy, 8 yrs old, was present and got help for his Dad. He was rushed to the hospital in the ambulance and remained there several weeks, apparently making a good recovery. He was able to go home but when he went back for examination, it was found that the neck had not healed as it should have and he was immediately put to bed in the hospital where he now is. Last Monday evening, (March 13th, young Sammy was again on the alert and he discovered that the barn was on fire and alerted the family. The town siren was sounded and Tyringham's exceptionally fine Fire Department responded. Other Departments came from Lee, South Lee, Otis and Monterey, were onto the scene quickly and worked along with our Firefighters, all under the leadership of Chief Willis Hale. Then occurred a display of neighborliness and helpfulness and kindness that is wonderful to behold. In no time whatsoever, men, women and even some youngsters, rushed from all parts of Tyringham with hot coffee for the firefighters, with sandwiches and with offers to help in anyway possible, the Slater family. Now we all know that in every town there are disagreements, frictions and not exactly the friendliest of feelings between some families. We all know that Tyringham is no exception. But I just want to say as Tyringham's Minister, that I have always found since I came here 20 years ago this June that, let anyone or any family meet with misfortune or tragedy or sorrow, all differences are forgotten and in one grand united effort, the whole town forgets any differences and rallies to the unlimited aid of the afflicted ones. I am very very proud of Tyringham people, all of them without exception. They are magnificent, God bless 'em.

Well, the fire is over now and it resulted in the loss of about thirty young cows though 64 full-grown ones were saved. A cow barn and half another barn were destroyed along with farm machine and a milk house, which already has been rebuilt temporarily. Charles Slater, Jr. received a bad burn of his left hand and several firemen were injured slightly trying to get the cows to safety. The house itself was not harmed. As for Charlie Slater, lying immovable in his hospital bed, he was a grand example of courage, calm and in complete control of himself.

Yours for Tyringham,

FLC

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JUNE 1972
Summer Letter

Dear Folks:-

Here we are shortly back from a vacation spent in England, Scotland and Wales, including a most exciting trip over on the Queen Elizabeth 2, a ship 13 stories high and the length of three football gridirons. We sailed on April 16th and on the 17th we encountered a hurricane which lasted 4 days and was officially recorded as the worst hurricane on the Atlantic in 100 years. The waves reached a height of 50 feet and the winds were hitting us at the rate of 100 mph. This "weather" caused the QUEEN ELIZABETH, even with her exceptional size and sea-keeping qualities to lie "hove-to" for 21½ hours between the 17th and 19th of April.

Though in my eventful life I have experienced hurricanes on the Atlantic and typhoons on the Pacific, this storm beat them all by far.

What was it like? At its climax passengers and crew were thrown sprawling everywhere unless they could find something firm to hang on to. Eight huge, thick plate glass windows were smashed by the waves and wind. Three grand pianos were thrown off platforms and broken while the musicians and their instruments flew here and there. Chairs were tipped over, dumping their occupants on the floor. One man was hurled on his back across the deck and landed on a woman who had been toppled off her chair. He exclaimed in a loud voice "This is the most comfortable spot I've been since the storm started. I think I'll stay here!" Many passengers were violently seasick (not us!) and some women were weeping, thinking their time had come.

Those in the dining room were flooded with food and broken crockery and the huge kitchen was a mess.

At one time, two engines out of commission, only the third working, we were driven off our course and headed for the coast of Africa.

But as one passenger remarked after it was all over, "Thanks to God, to a great ship and a skilled captain, we have all lived through it!"

We were two days late in arriving at Southampton and believe me, land sure felt good under our feet. We have been given a map, which shows the intended course of the ship and its actual course as well as tracing the storm. The Cunard line is sending each passenger a storm certificate to prove that we lived through the greatest hurricane on the Atlantic for over 100 years.

Briefly we enjoyed England, Scotland and Wales, London and Edinburgh in particular, and I took many pictures in color and in black and white. One of our happiest times in London was when we visited Lord Salter and had luncheon with him. He looks just fine and is alert and working on a book that promises to be a most interesting one concerning the very early days of Hitler.

Here's a bit of Tyringham history:-now that we're back here:-

A while ago I came across an old Berkshire County magazine published in 1905. In it was an article telling about that year's "Old Home Week Celebration. Thinking it would interest you, too, I will quote from it in condensed form. It started out saying that, held in the early part of August that year the celebration was a "brilliant success. Every business and residence structure for fully two miles on the main street of the old town was gaily and elaborately decorated with flags and streamersand 'Welcome Home' banners." There was a continental uniformed drum and fife corps. .... There was a most enjoyable reminiscent gathering in the Stedman saw and rake mill on the old site of the once famous Turkey paper mill. This building was "charmingly" decorated inside and was brilliantly illuminated with electric lights from a dynamo on the premises.

There was a basket lunch one afternoon in the grove opposite the Baptist Church, where the Berkshire County Historical Society held its exercises. On another afternoon the new town library was dedicated, a beautiful rustic structure whose walls were constructed of the old town boulders, gathered from far and near. It also was built to accomodate the town officers. "A charming poem was read by Richard Watson Gilder. Chairman L. B. Moore of the library trustees, the father of the Tyringham valley, and Chairman W.W.Hale of the Selectmen "most happily represented the old town on this occasion. (Note:- Mr. W.W.Hale was the great-uncle of Arnold and Willis Hale.)

Then there was a fine concert in the Methodist Church (now the Union Church) which opened with a grand anthem which was rendered at the dedication services in this sanctuary over a half a century previous. On Friday afternoon of this eventful week "fully 600 persons sat down to two long lines of tables erected beneath a row of ancient willows on the banks of Hop Brook and directly opposite the Baptist Church (torn down over 20 years ago). Towering above the scene was the famous 'Cobble' on which a huge beacon fire had been kindled on the previous Monday evening in honor of the celebration of Old Home Week. Doubtless this princely clam bake, with a wealth of fowl, lobster, fish, lemonade and watermelon, as well as of luscious bivalves in plenty, was far ahead of any similar feast yet spread in the county and was triumphantly toothsome and appetizing.

One of the highlights of the Celebration was the historical speech of Mr. M. W. Stedman, (father of Mrs. Eloise Myers) the proprietor of the oldest hand-rake factory in the United States, by William Stedman in 1827. He started his address by saying "Less than 150 years ago this portion of the Tyringham Valley (where the rake factory stood and still does, I believe his speech refers to the same one as now.) was a marsh or swamp through which no one attempted to pass who had not more than ordinary business to attend to." .... He went on to relate some family history and then said Rakes were made here by hand by several parties before my grandfather, William Stedman, invented the first machine ever used in the manufacture of hand-rakes. ... Four generations of Stedmans have turned out rake teeth with this machine - my grandfather, father, M.V.B.Stedman,myself and my daughter, Eloise." Reading on further, I find that Mr. Stedman added that originally the first Stedman rake factory was in Sodom, a section of Tyringham. There were other rake factories, too, over the years but in 1905 the Stedman Rake Factory was the oldest rake business in the United States, and in 1904 it had turned out 25,000 rakes! For many years Tyringham was known as"the rake town of the United States"and a "greater quantity of rakes were made here than in any other locality in the world.

Mrs. Myers' "Hinterland Settlement" relates in great detail about these rake factories but I would like to add here a bit of history

about papermakers in both Tyringham and Dalton, contained in the speech of Col. W.H.Pittsfield that day. Mr. Myers and others spoke. He started with relating the beginnings of the mamoth paper making industry of Berkshire County from 1801 to 1905 and said that "the two original cradles of this gigantic paper industry were in Dalton and Tyringham; the one down in a narrow little valley by the side of the swift waters of the east branch of the Housatonic in Dalton, and the other similarly situated on the historic banks of Hop Brook in Tyringham, and they were alike as two peapods in both size and location. .... "It is a historic fact that Zenas Crane (the writer's great-grandfather) journeyed from Worcester to Dalton on horseback in search of water-power adjacent to a wealth of pure spring water whereon to start the first paper mill in western Massachusetts; and that also came in 1799 Captain Thomas Stedman to Tyringham from Rhode Island and purchased a farm on which was located the waterpower and site of the noted Turkey Mill."

These facts give to me as I write them, a great thrill as these are two communities closely tied in with my own life and the people in them as well, In fact my father's family lived in near-by Lee and one of my uncles, I have recently learned, manufactured wooden paper mill equipment. I also have found a beautiful long poem about Tyringham written by that beloved poet and Tyringham resident, Richard Watson Gilder, which I plan to use in the September TYRINGHAM TOPICS.

Mrs. Ruth Colby Logan, wife of Roger W. Logan, died April 2nd in Pittsfield General Hospital. Her funeral was held April 5th in Union Church. Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Bruce, of Tyringham and two sisters, Mrs. Philip Knowlton of Springfield and Mrs. John Tobin of Holden. Mrs. Logan was a long-time member of Union Church and was a former Church Clerk and at another time, Treasurer.

Tyringham really got cleaned up on its annual Spring cleaning by the following:- The main road was cared for by Mr and Mrs Robert Clark along with Kerry Clark, Barbara VanOrman, Robin Clark and Molly Curtin. Also by Betty Cernik with Irma Clark, Marie Cernik, Rickey and Eddie Loring, Jeff and Randy Cernik. Also Barbara Adams with Susan and Sammy Slater and Dawn Cernik. Also Stetson Adams with Parker Emerson, Peter Curtin Jr and Stevie Adams. The Monterey Road was cleared Mr & Mrs John Emerson, Eleanor Emerson, Debbie Loring, Michael and Jeff Dobson. Tommy Fennelly, assisted by Bill, Marilyn and Parker Fennelly and Agnes Curtin took care of Jerusalem Road.

Mrs. Edward (Diane) Fennelly has become the Tyringham reporter for a newsy weekly newspaper, "The Berkshire Herald", published in Lenox covering South Berkshire's towns, published for the first time in May. Mrs Fennelly most certainly has a "nose for news" and is a splendid reporter.

Brian Jeffrey Canon, son of Mr & Mrs John Cannon of Dalton, formerly of Tyringham, was baptized in Union Church on Sunday, April 9th.

Being away six weeks from Tyringham and way across the Atlantic, we have probably missed some news items but we would mention here briefly that our very splendid Youth Fellowship conducted Church Service on Sunday, May 7th and followed that on Saturday May 13th with a successful "Spaghetti and Meat Ball" Supper.

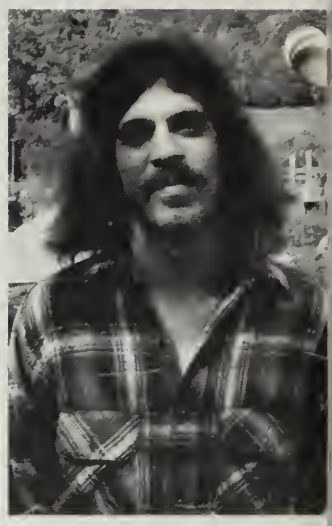
And our Church Supper Committee served a very satisfying repast for the Golden Agers Club of Lee on Thursday May 18th

By the way, watch out for our famous annual Strawberry Festival coming soon.

DAVID HALE

JENNIFER CANON

PETER ADAMS



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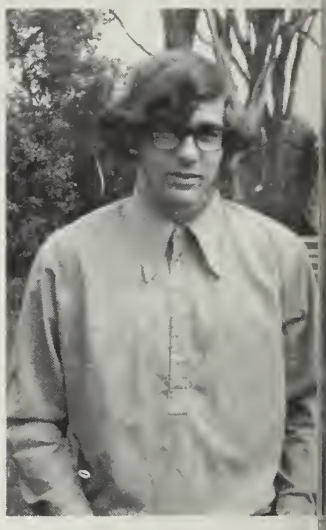

HERBERT HEATH

DAVID HALE (Lee Hi) is son of Mr & Mrs George Hale, was Salutatorian of his class and spoke on the "Crisis in American History" and was awarded the American Legion Public Speaking Medal and the $800. Lee Lime Scholarship. JENNIFER CANON, daughter of Mr & Mrs. J.Norton Canon won a $200. Scholarship from Lee PTA. PETER ADAMS is the son of Mr & Mrs.Stetson Adams. KEVIN LEACH is the son of Mr & Mrs. Douglas Leach and won awar for excellence in art. HERBERT HEATH, son of Mr & Mrs. Herbert Heath of Lenoxdale, formerly of Tyringham, is included here as his family are sti very active in our Church. All foregoing are graduates of Lee High.

JENNIFER BISHOP, daughter of Mrs. John McLennan, graduated from Berkshire Country Day School and was awarded the Donald Oakes Prize for excellence in Citizenship.

BRENDA VANORMAN, daughter of Mr & Mrs. Gordon VanOrman, a Freshman in Lee High received an award for excellence in French and her sister. BARBARA and JEFFREY CERNIK, son of Mr & Mrs Larry Cernik graduated from our Tyringham School.

That's all for now, Folks
Yours for Tyringham FLC

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SEPTEMBER 1972
Autumn Letter

Dear Folks:-

Just don't know how we're going to cram all we have to tell you into this letter but we'll do our best.

Myrtle, the Turtle, is quite disappointed --- she has no births to report. But the stork has whispered in her ear that there may be one or two happy events before too long.

While last year at this time we had five weddings to report, this year we have but one. Gary A. Davis, son of Mr & Mrs Donald Davis of Tyringham married Sharon Russell, daughter of Mr & Mrs Robert Russell of Pittsfield in the South Congregational Church in that city on Saturday, June 10, 1972.

But sadly we have to report the deaths of beloved Tyringham or former Tyringham friends. Kenneth A. Knickerbocker, 71, died June 22nd. He was very prominent in the Baptist Church, having been a member of the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield, a Deacon in that Church and a past President of the American Baptist Men of Massachusetts for several terms. He was born in Dalton and had lived in Tyringham nine years. He was a member of Unity Lodge of Masons in Dalton and the General Electric Quarter Century and Pensioners Clubs. He leaves his wife, the former Grace Grant; a daughter, Mrs. Raymond E. Smith of Tyringham; a brother, Douglas, of Dalton and two sisters, Mrs. Harry J. Bairstow of Dalton and Mrs. William Chapin of Auburn; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding last year. The funeral service took place in the First Baptist Church in Pittsfield with burial in Dalton.

The burial service for Richard Gilder, 20, son of Dr. and Mrs. Rodman Gilder of New York City, was held June 25th. Besides his parents he left two brothers. The family have been summer residents in Tyringham at various times.

Ernest J. Butler, 74, of Jerusalem Road in Tyringham, died August 10th. He came to the United States from England as a young man and operated a farm here in Tyringham for the past 30 years. He leaves his wife, the former Helen Neva; a son, Denton; two stepsons, Jesse Pierce of Tyringham and Edward Pierce of Brownsville, Vt; a brother, Wilfred Butler of Danielson, Conn. The funeral was held in Union Church and the burial in Danielson, Conn.

Mrs. Eloise Stedman Myers, a Tyringham native and devoted friend of Tyringham all her life, died at the age of 83, August 31st in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was the widow of Charles R. Myers. She taught for a number of years in the Tyringham School; served as Librarian for 20 years, receiving a certificate of Merit from the International Library Association of London, England for establishing an Adult Reading Course. She was a former owner of the Stedman Rake Factory. She was also an authoress, writing an authentic history of her beloved Tyringham entitled "A Hinterland Settlement" which sold out two editions. She helped to organize the present Union Church in Tyringham. A very active person, she at one time was in the real estate business and she also served on the Republican Town Committee. Her funeral was held Monday, September 4th in Union Church with burial in the Tyringham Cemetery. Donations are being received in her memory for the Stedman-Myers Endowment Fund for Union Church. Contributions may be sent to Mr. Frederick Judd, Lee, Massachusetts 01238.

On June 11th a Children's Day Service, entirely under the auspices of our Sunday School took place on June 11th. The theme was built around Noah's Ark and wonderfully portrayed with an Ark constructed of heavy cardboard and painted. The "animals!" came from the back of the Sanctuary and were skillfully portrayed. We can be very proud of our Sunday School and its dedicated teachers. (Myrtle, the turtle, was a bit disturbed because no turtle was shown going into the Ark. We tried to tell her she belonged to the reptile familyand probably her ancestors were water turtles so they, like fish, didn't need the Ark. She is still mulling that explanation over.) Sunday School will start again on Sunday October 1st. Mrs. Gordon VanOrman is the Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. Walter de Kay Palmer is now the head of the Chase Manhattan Bank Office in Brazil, South America. Prior to his going to Brazil he has made ten trips to that country the past 2½ years. His wife, Lisa, and their two children joined him in Brazil last July. The family is living in Rio de Janeiro.

Telling you about the nice family in the preceding paragraph reminded us that they thoughtfully gave their contribution to our Christmas Greeting page and this is the time for us to remind all you other nice folks about this page. It is, as most of you know, an annual CHRISTMAS GREETING section, in color, followed by all the names of all families or individuals who wish to extend their greetings to all readers of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, now numbering approximately over a thousand past and present Tyringhamites of all ages. It costs you only $1.00 per name or per family. Some send in more and this helps with the cost of sending to you all these News-Letters for a year. It goes to you free of charge, newsey and with pictures. May we remind you that our mailing costs have gone up but that you can really save by this greeting page in the higher costs you too have in postage and likewise in Christmas cards. Please write your names as you wish them to be listed and send them soon. We must have them by December 1st at the latest. PLEASE make checks payable to TYRINGHAM TOPICS. This will be our ninth Christmas Greeting page. Each year the list is longer than the year before. The first year took 57 lines, last year we had 161 lines of names.

"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE OLD PLACE."

Back to the old place I've come home again,
Back at last from the big town,
After so many hard and struggling years;
Back to the old home, the old home in the mountains,
In the valley of childhood;
And I say to myself, again and again I say:
There's no place like the old place.

Here once more I wander, here in the valley of brooks,—
I wander a stranger—where every spring, and tree and rock is familiar.
The little brooks tinkle down, with the old music, through the pine-darkened gorges;
The brooks that sometimes run dry, or hide under the smooth stones;
In the time of fulness leaping from ledge to ledge down to the big brook that never dries,
Where the trout dartle and the pools are shadowy and cool
And good to the hot body of a boy.
Lovely, with an intimate loveliness, is the valley,
And again and again I chant to myself
Oh, there's no place like the old place!

There's no place like the old place!
Strangely nearer seem the walls of the valley,
Though far and spacious as ever the mysterious sunset.
Never before have I felt so intensely the beauty of it all,—
How well-shaped the double valley;
The upper valley like a great, green bowl,
And the lower valley opening out toward the sunset like a trumpet;
The mountains embowered with evergreens, and maples, and chestnuts—
Or lying naked in the sun,—
Scraped bare by the ancient glacier,
Scoured by rains and scarred by lightnings,
And with a look as if the salt sea had beaten and bitten there for a thousand years.

Stately and gracious with elms and willows are the smooth and grassy meadows,
Leveled for human use by the lakes of untold ages,
Then covered with forests that the pioneers uprooted,—
Rich now and full of peace; bringing back the well-loved images of the Bible:
Meadows where first I heard the swift song of the bobolink,—
Throbbing and ringing madly, back and forth in the meadow air,—
And whence, in full summer, after the long, hot day
The boy, that was I, came back to the home barn
Royally charioted on the high-piled, sweet-scented hay.
Ah, there's no place like the old place!

There, under the hill is the homestead;
How large the maples have grown that the old folks planted!
Sweet was the sap in the spring and the shade in the summer.
I never knew such water as from the spring at our house,
Running cold as ice in the kitchen and out in the barn.
And that little window up there was mine!
I tell you I slept well, and rose early in those days,
Though sometimes at night after a long rain, or when the ice was melting in Hayes's pond,
I could scarce sleep for the brook roaring like Niagara,
As it leaped the mill-dams, and spread out over the meadows,
Scurrying great logs along, and every foot-bridge in the valley.
But most times it was quiet enough at the old home,—

The dear old place, the old place that's the best place!

O, there's no place like the old place, and no time like the old time!
The chores were rough, but the keener the zest for the play!
For chestnutting in the frosty autumn,
For the tug of the bass at Goose pond and the lake at Monterey,
And the day of fun at the county fair;
For the skim on the frozen meadow on winter nights,
Or the watch at the pickerel flags in the ice holes on the white spread of the mountain lakes,
Or the flying plunge of the bob-sled down paper-mill hill;
The chase for the woodchuck, and the far-circling fox, and the all-night tramp for the treed coon;
For a hayride with a bevy of girls and a moonlight drive with one;
For wanderings through the woods and over the hills,—
When the billowing mountain-laurel from afar off
Looked like flocks of sheep on the high terraces of the old Sweet farm;
When the hiding arbutus or gossamer clematis scented the clean air;
When came the child's first thrill at the boom of the startled partridge,
And when first the adventurer heard a whole, great blossoming linden
Humming, with honey-gathering bees, like the plucked string of a violin.

O' there's no place like the old place!
Mightier mountains there are, sky-pierced and snow-covered all the year round,
But the lion-like curve of Cobble, clear cut against the southern heavens,
On still, cold nights heaves close to the thick stars;
And the white ways of the Galaxy I have seen start from the lion's head
And sweep over to the long mountain, as if all the light and glory were for the valley only.
Day and night, in sunlight and starlight, and in the light of the moon—
Beautiful, beautiful is the valley of brooks.
Travelers have said that in the whole earth there is none more beautiful.
Why have I stayed away so long?
I think I will come again and again before I die,—
And perhaps after I have died; for in the white graveyard on the hill
Rest in the long sleep some whom one day I should like to join.
I wonder shall I seem to them as strange as now to me
The image of my own self as I was in the days of childhood.
An image that haunts me hourly while here I wander and dream,
And makes me strange to myself in a curious double existence.
The old friends seem to know me—but I am never deceived;
The one that I am is not the one that I was—yet truly
No one but I ever knew the youth who departed—
And the youth who departed still lives in the aged returning,—
In whose bosom revives the days that forever are gone,—
The old loves and the old sweet longings;
The old love for the old place, that deepens as age comes nearer,
And the heart keeps sighing and singing:
There's no place like the old place!

Each Summer the Tyringham members of the "Tyr-Lee Rough Riders" take part in several Horse Shows and win many places. This they did last Summer with distinction. For lack of space we cannot go into every detail but at the Berkshire County 4-H Fair in Hancock, they won 1 first prize, 1 third, 2 fourth, 1 fifth and 2 sixth prizes. Then at the Show sponsored by them in Tyringham on August 19th, our Tyringham entrants walked away with 9 firsts, 6 seconds, 10 thirds, 2 fourths, 4 fifths, 10 sixths, 1 seventh and 1 8th. We can be very proud of this Club. The names of the Tyringham prize winners follow:- Robert Clark, Nancy Garner, Ricky Loring, Patty Wilson, Jeff Wilson, Nancy Potter, Debbie Loring, Kerry Clark, Chris Wilson, David Hale, Janice Curtin, Robin Clark, Matthew Curtin, Kate Perkins, Amy Fennelly, Kathy Curtin, Jennifer Pothul and Molly Curtin. The Club also won at Hancock an Excellent rating on their exhibit and the Mass. Dept. of Agriculture rosette! (Cheers are in order!)

The Church put on two succesful Public Suppers, the Strawberry Festival in July and a Smorgasbord in August, the 1972 season, however, not being a good one for Public Suppers anywhere. The Firemen also held a Steak Roast and Block Dance and Hop Brook held its always tremendously successful Fair. A camera Club met each week during the Summer and a Swim program certified sixteen under the auspices of the Red Cross. Our regular Choir was tendered a testimonial Dinner by Dr. and Mrs. MacIntosh and The Donald Davises held a Beaux Arts Ball. So, all in all, it was an active Summer for Tyringham.

In reading our copy over we suddenly realized that we omitted the pins awarded in June in our Sunday School. So now we make amends:- 1st year pin to Keith Williams; Honorary pins to Michael Winters, Beth Curtin; 2nd year wreaths to Kimberly Carlson: 3rd years bars to Marjorie Slater, Michael Carlson, Jennifer and Steven Pothul; 4th year bar to Randy Cernik; 5th year bars to Adam Fennelly, Molly and Jerry Curtin; 7th year bars to Samuel Slater and Kerry Clark; 8th year bars to Nancy Heath, John Heath and Jeffrey Cernik; 9th year bars to Barbara and Glenn VanOrman. The 13th year Teacher's appreciation award went to Dawn Cernik and another appreciation award to Mrs. Joyce Carlson. Bibles were presented to Jennifer Pothul and Robin Clark.

Tyringham's own Prima Donna, Mary Curtin, soloist in the Stockbridge Madrigal Society.

Some of our Sunday Schoolers await transportation to York Pond, Sandisfield for their annual picnic.

That's all for now, Folks. Yours for Tyringham, F

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DECEMBER 1972
Winter Letter

Dear Folks:-

Season's Greetings and best wishes to you all, those who are to celebrate Christmas and those who will celebrate Hanukkah. May the coming year bring to everyone everywhere a world of Peace and Brotherhood under the Fatherhood of God.

In Union Church we have already started the Christmas Season with Christmas Music and sermons and the lighting each Sunday of an Advent Candle by members of our Choir.

Our very popular Carol and Candlelight Service will take place on Wednesday, December 20th at 7.30 pm.

Our Christmas Sunday Service will be on December 24th at 11.00am and our chimes will peal out Christmas Carols from the Holloway Memorial Music Tower. And, of course, our Choir will join the congregation in singing beautiful Christmas Carols.

Though this letter is being written the last week of November before the deadline for receiving names for our Greeting pages, it look as though our list will be longer than ever. Through these pages over 450 of us, families and friends, send greetings to each other and to all who read TYRINGHAM TOPICS and this newsletter goes out to other countries of the World as well as our own --- to every past or present dear Tyringhamite wherever he or she may be. (We are grateful to Miss Carolyn Canon for assembling most of the names for our greeting pages;to Miss Dawn Cernik for help in checking and arranging and to our genial Postmistress, Mrs. Curtin.)

It is always nice to hear of new arrivals of future Tyringham voters and so we proudly announce the following:-

On September 30th, a son Dean J. Martin,Jr to Dean and Andrea Martin.

On October 8th, James Thomas Fawcett, to G. James and Eugenie Fawcett, The boy is a grandson of Mrs. John Rudd.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert DuVernois, formerly of Tyringham, now living in Stuart, Florida, recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Darey, and daughter, Jennifer, flew to Stuart for the great occasion. Mrs. Darey is their daughter. Also present were Dorothy DuVernois, another daughter, and James, their son. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Mr. & Mrs. DuVernois

The Youth Fellowship of Union Church have met and elected the following officers:- President, Brenda VanOrman; Vice-President, Glenn VanOrman; Secretary, Ruth Heath; Treasurer, James Heath; Publicity, Dawn Cernik. The Group organized a Trick or Treat for Unicef party for Halloween and raised $50. About 35 Tyringham youngsters canvassed the town in cars driven by Diane Fennelly, Mrs. Emerson, Joyce Carlson, James Fawcett and Pat Clark. Games were played including a trip through a haunted tunnel. Prizes were given for Jack-o-lanterns.

The Hop Brook's Club Christmas Fair was a great success, the Food Table bringing in $99.45; the Fancy Table, $152.55, a total of $252.00 The Youth Fellowship brought in $29. for that organization.

The engagement has been announced by Mr & Mrs Francis E. Wilson of Tyringham Road, Lee, of Mr. Wilson's daughter, Suzanne Ellen to Anold Stephen Hale, son of Mr & Mrs Donald B. Hale of Tyringham. Miss Wilson is a junior-year student at St. Luke's School of Nursing of the Berkshire Medical Center. She graduated from Lee High School in June 1971. Stephen Hale graduated from Lee High in 1970 and is associated as a contractor in the firm of Donald B. Hale & Son.

John Kenneth Donald,66, of Scarsdale, N.Y., summer resident on Fernside of Tyringham for over 28 years died November 2nd. He was born on an Army Post, Fort Niobrara, Nebraska. He graduated from Columbia University, and received a degree in electrical engineering at Massachsetts Institute of Technology. He was employed by American Telephone and Telegraph Company for 43 years. He is survived by his wife, a son, John Dustin Donald of Santiago, Chile, a daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Peter Snider) of SanFrancisco and another daughter, Alison, of Scarsdale.

A letter from Mrs. Helen Gaisford informs us that she and her son, John, were in England last Spring. John was there for the last semester of his Junior Year and his mother joined him in June. Mrs. C. and myself were there in London in April and May and would have looked John up had we known he was there. (But he might have been a guest at Windsor Castle for all we know!) Mrs. Gaisford is back home in Syracuse where she's employed by the University of Syracuse. (Note:- Myrtle, the Turtle, jiggled the typewriter which explains why the second line above is beswiggled!) Almost forgot to add that while in England they rented a car and toured Scotland, visiting her late husband's friends and relatives. (He had served as a General in the British Army.)

John and Janice Whalen Curtin have moved into their new home on Tyringham Road.

Last month Larry and Betty Cernik flew to the Hawaiian Islands visiting Honolulu and paying homage to King Kamehameha and flying to the island of Hawaii where Larry, used to fishing in Hop Brook, distinguished himself by catching a blue marlin, 12 feet long and weighing 336 pounds.

This last Summer sure was the most travelist (?) Summer for Tyringham people for Roger Logan flew over to England and Scotland visiting relatives and calling on Lord Salter, for whom he used to work. Then to outdo the rest of us who only go to England and Scotland or Hawaii, Roger flew to gay Paree.But the language was too much so he came home. (Me, too, Roger, when I was in France in 1918)

SEASON'S GREETINGS

From all of us listed in the following pages to all of you who read this and to each other we send this message:- We are thinking of you because it is Christmas --- and after Christmas we shall continue to wish you happiness and so on throughout the year that follows. We cannot tell you this every day, but that makes no difference; the thought and the wish will be for you just the same.

Whenever joy or success comes to you it will make us all glad.

(Paraphrased from Henry Van Dyke)

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR PEACE

Our Father up in Heaven
Hear this our Christmas prayer:
May the people of all nations
Be united in Thy care
For man's Peace and his salvation
Can come only by Thy grace
And not through bombs and missiles
And our quest for outer space...
So, God grant us Heavenly guidance
As Christmas comes again,
For more than GUIDED MISSILES
All the World needs GUIDED MEN!

Helen Steiner Rice

Mr. & Mrs. Stetson Adams & Family
Dr. Gulielma F. Alsop
Rosa, Walt, Walt Jr, & Heidi Alward
Richard, Georgia & Martha Birkett
Barbara & Norbert Bogdan
Lillian & Don Bridgham
Mrs. Jeanette Brown
Erma & Jack Bucher
Helen Butler & Jesse Pierce
In memory of Ernest Butler
Mrs. Martin L. Butler
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cabral & Family
Carolyn Canon
Dorothy Canon
Mr. & Mrs. John N. Canon & Jennifer
Mr. & Mrs. John G. Canon & Brian
Albert Carlson
In memory of Thelma Carlson
Caroline Carlson
In memory of Henning M. Carlson
Henning, Joyce, Michael & Kimberley Carlson
The 7 Cerniks
Mr. & Mrs. Ladislaw Cernik
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Choquette & Bob
Margaret Clapp & Lois Olds
Philippa Claude
Jerry, Elsie Clark & girls
Joan, Marty, Sue, Tom, & Tracy Clark
Wilbur, Bob, Pat, "Yogi" & Robin Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Clark, Jr & Kerry
Terry, Chuck, David & Jon Clark
Thomas Coley
Bill & Caren Cosel
Rev. & Mrs. Franklin L. Couch
Robert, Janet, Laura, Molly, Sarah, Robbie &
Gordon Couch
Mr. Mrs. Player Crosby & Family
Mrs. Frank Crook
Agnes Curtin
Sue, Denny & D.J.Curtin
Kathy, Jimmy, Denise, Kate &
Jim-Jim Curtin
John & Janice Curtin
John & Davena Curtin
Mary Curtin & Mrs. Fisher
In memory of LeRoy Fisher
Neil, Helen, Darleen, David, Gerald,
Molly & Mary Curtin
Peter, Deanna Curtin & sons
Terrence, Marilyn, "Chip" & Garry Curtin
Tommy & Maggie Curtin
Francis, Holly & Jennifer Darey
Don & Ann Davis
Gary, Maria, Timolin, Casey & Kelly Devore
Harry & Jane Dickson
Bernice Downs
In memory of Everill Downs
Mrs. John K. Donald
In memory of John K. Donald
Arthur M. DuBois
Dr. & Mrs. John J. DuBois & Family
Bill & Connie Dyer
Doug, Janet, Lyman & Neil Eddy
The Elliotts
Niki & John Emerson

Mr. & Mrs. James Fawcett, John, Donald,
Annette & James
Marilyn & Bill Fennelly & Parker
Eddie, Dianne, Adam & Darrell Fennelly
Everett, Mary Ann, Everett Jr. Amy &
Kathleen Fennelly
Helen & John Gaisford
Allan, Mary, David & Nancy Garner
Bill & Marian Gelsleichter
Rosamond Gilder
Rod & Mellie, David & Joshua Gilder
In memory of Richard Gilder
Mrs. Arthur Gilmore
Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Goldmuntz & Family
Virginia Gorman
The Hales of Sunset Farm
Donald, Mary Hale & Family
George, Jean & David Hale
Arnold, Sandy, Cathy & Suzie Hayne
Ashwell B. Heath & Family
Cortland & Anna Heath
Mr. Mrs. Herbert Heath & Family
Mr. & Mrs. John Heath
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Heath
In memory of Louise Hiscox
Walter Howard
Sarah Hudson
Mr. & Mrs. William Jackacky, Jr & Alan
Mary Jarrett & Gladys Sheldon
In memory of Charles Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Jones & Family
Phyllis & Fred Judd
Wilson & Mary D. Kierstead, "Plum" & Nicky
Grace Knickerbocker
In memory of Kenneth Knickerbocker
The Kraszeski Family
Mrs. William Larkin
In memory of William Larkin
Douglas, Marion & Kevin Leach
John B. Leventhal & Family
Mrs. William Leipzig
Roger & Bruce Logan
In memory of Ruth Logan
Lucia & Eugene Lehner
Walter, Penny Littell & family
Beatrice, Charles & Russell Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Fred A. Loring
Harry & Olive Loring
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Loring & Family
Ben, Roberta, little Ben & Roberta Lynn Loring
Joe, Evelyn & little Joe Loring
Tunk, Dede, Rhonda, Elaine, Chuck, & Tony
Loring
Jim, Nellie, Robert, Karen, James, Evelyn
& Jennifer Loring
Ronald, Nancy, David & Michael Loring
Mrs. Margaret Luchars, Barry, Alec, Charles
& James
Dr. & Mrs. Rustin McIntosh
Ward McCarthy
The McLennans, John & Katherine, Holly, Angelica, &
Philippe (Syp), Susie, Judy & Scotty, Moo,
Jennifer & Gigi.
In memory of Levi Michaud
Ted & Helena Miller & Family
Anne & Chris Moffett, Jonathan, Sam & Sarah

Marie Moore
Grace Morin
Mr. & Mrs. J. Robert Moskin
In memory of Eloise Myers
Myrtle, the Turtle
Olga Olin
Mrs. Francesca Gilder Palmer
Kay, Lisa, Tonio & Helena Palmer
The Pappenheimer Family
Edward N. Perkins, Sr. and Sister Catherine Louise (Maria Louisa Perkins), Mary Eleanor Montgomery (Polly Perkins), Kate Montgomery, Mary T. Howard (Mary Montgomery), Eleanor Montgomery, Edward C. Perkins, Louise D. Perkins (Petey DuBois), Maria Louise Prentice (Louie Perkins), Edward N. Perkins Jr, James H. Perkins, David C. Perkins, Kate R. Perkins.
Viola Picken
In memory of George Picken
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pierce & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pothul & Family
The Pursells
Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Quinson & Family
Viggo, Catha, Kristin, Martin, Edwin, Lucia Rambush
Fred, Tootie, Martha & Jimmy Read
General & Mrs. Miles Reber & Peggy
Edward & Dorothea Reynolds
Martha & Guy Robb
Mrs. W. G. Roehrich
William Roerick
Mrs. John S. Rudd
In memory of John Skeer Rudd
Lord Arthur Salter
Eugene, Ina, Eric Schnell
Charles & Liz Slater & Family
Grace Slater
Mary & Gene Smith
Russell, Betty & Kirstie Smith
Mr. & Mrs. G. L. Spencer
Isabelle Stanton
M. W. Stedman Employees
Alice S. Thain
Blanche & Bill Thober
Marguerite Tiffany
Mr. & Mrs. Asher E. Treat
Bryan G. Treat & Family
Betty, Alice, Hawley & Charles Truax
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hawley Truax
Eddie, Betty, Jane, Linda, Kim, Diane Twing
Helen & Eddie Twing
Jerry, Toni & Nancy Twing
Brian & Sidney Urquhart
Gordon, Kate, Brenda, Glenn & Barbara VanOrman
Mrs. Emily B. Welch
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Whalen
Bert, Karen, Keith & Timmy Williams
Evelyn Winters
In memory of Michael Winters
Ken, Lillian, Michael, James, Troy, Patrick and infant daughter.
Anna Woodward

TYRINGHAM SCHOOL 1972-1973
Left to right, front row-Nancy Twing, Beth Curtin, Marjorie Slater, Adam Fennelly, Stephen Pothul, Molly Curtin, Kathy Curtin, Kelly Curtin
Rear row-Michael Carlson, Gerry Curtin, Jennifer Pothul, Parker Fennelly, Amy Fennelly, Robin Clark, Jennifer Darey, John Pothul, Terry Curtin, Matthew Curtin, Sammy Slater.

The Food Table at the Hop Brook Christmas Fair was SO popular!

Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Reber trying to entice customers!

Youth Fellowship Table at Hop Brook Fair, tended by Brenda VanOrman and Dawn Cernik. Customersare Randy Cernik and Amy Fennelly.

photo by Dawn Cernik
Frightening characters at the Halloween Party of the Youth Fellowship.

Miss Susan Slater recently flew out to Tulsa, Oklahoma to visit Oral Roberts University, where it is hoped she will able to attend this Fall. She is a Senior in Lee High School. While in Oklahoma she was the guest of Mrs. Richard Rubin of Tulsa, who is the daughter of Mr & Mrs Raymond E. Smith and grandaughter of Mrs. Kenneth Knickerbocker.

The Christmas border of our Greeting folder was designed for us last year by Miss Jennifer Bishop, now attending Andover Academy. We liked it so much we are using it again this year.

The Tyringham Ridge Runners, our town's snowmobile organization, met on November 9th and elected the following officers:- President, Peter Curtin; Vice-President, Edward Fennelly; Secretary, Corinne Lunt; Treasurer, David Hale. Representatives elected to Berkshire County Snowmobile Association are William Perry and Carl Curtin. Delegate to Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts is Wanda Perry. Committees were appointed as follows:-

By-Laws:- Corinne Lunt, Everett Fennelly, Wm.Perry,Neil Curtin, Willis Hale, Peter Curtin
Review Board:- Everett Fennelly, Robert Clark, Walter Howard
Public Relations:-Arnold Hale, Walter Howard, John Curtin,Jr, Carl Curtin, Peter Curtin
Fence Committee:- Willis Hale, Richard Loring, Ed Pothul
Trails:- Thomas Fennelly, Orlin Lunt, Neil Curtin, Thomas Curtin, Bruce Logan
Recreation:- Peter Curtin, Edward Fennelly, Everett Fennelly, John Curtin, Wm. Perry.
Search & Rescue:- Donald Hale, Richard Loring, James Curtin, David Hale.

This Tyringham Club has proved itself in the past to be most considerate and thoughtful of the property and feelings of the residents of Tyringham. They are to be commended for their fine attitude and we can be sure they will continue to be an organization of which we can be justly proud as we are of 4-H's Tyr-Lee Rough Riders in the Summertime.

The Town Annual Christmas Tree for the children of Tyringham will take place in the Town Hall on Thursday, December 21st at 7.00 pm. Those wishing to draw a name for a child under 12 gift may get one by contacting Dawn Cernik, of the Youth Fellowship Group working in cooperation with Hop: Brook Club and Mrs. Welch, of Tyringham School.

In closing this Christmas number of TYRINGHAM TOPICS, in addition to our thanking Carolyn Canon, Mary Curtin and Dawn Cernik, may we also give credit to Mrs. FLC who helps in alphabeticizing the names and to Irma Clark, who does the addressing and mailing and to Myrtle, the Turtle, who oversees the whole operation. May we also add a "thank you" to the Eagle Printing & Binding Co of Pittsfield for the great care and fine work they do in the actual printing of this Newsletter.

God bless you all and may you have a happy Christmas or Hanukkah,

Yours for Tyringham,

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MARCH 1973
Spring Letter

Dear Folks:-

How great it is to see and feel Spring in the air, day after day. I know the skiers and the snow-mobilers wont agree with me but the great majority of us enjoyed this past so-called Winter, better than usual. As it was, however, we could not hold Church services December 17th because all electricity was cut off for several hours to permit the Electric Company to make repairs in Tyringham and environs; nor on December 31st 1972 AD due to a severe ice storms and glazed highways. Again we could hold no service on January 7th as our furnace blower conked out.

But we were able to hold our Christmas services on the day before Christmas with many attending, particularly in the evening for our Annual Carol and Candlelight Service.

On that happy day of January 27th when Peace or a start on Peace came to Vietnam, our Holloway Memorial Tower chimes rang out playing patriotic music. The town sirens also sounded off the glad tidings.

The Annual Meeting of our Church was held on January 10th and the following is a complete list of officers and committee members for this year of 1973:- Charles Slater, Moderator; Kenneth Jones, Charles Slater and Roger Logan, deacons; Davena Curtin, Betty Cernik and Caroline Canon, Deaconesses; Davena Curtin, Clerk; Willis Fennelly, Treasurer; Judy Reber and Millicent McIntosh, members-at-large of the Church Committee; Willis Fennelly, Ruth Heath and Mary Garner, Finance Committee; Judy Reber, Roger Logan and Kenneth Jones, Trustees; Judy Reber, Millicent McIntosh and Marilyn Fennelly, Nominating Committee; Lois Kraszeski, Auditor; Kate VanOrman, Sunday School Superintendent; Joyce Carlson, Asst. SS Superintendent; Beatrice and Russell Loring, Delegates; Ruth Couch and Ruth Heath, Alternate delegates.

We are happy to announce that Miss Margaret Clapp has joined as an Associate Member of Union Church. At this writing Miss Clapp and her sister, Mrs. Margaret Olds are traveling in Mexico, expected home soon.

A daughter, Melissa Mae Winters, was born to Kenneth and Lillian Williams Winters last December. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Michael (Evelyn) Winters of Tyringham.

Also a daughter, Catherine Elma Fennelly, selected as her parents, Willis and Marilyn Drake Fennelly of Tyringham, arriving on Sunday, February 18th and weighing in at 8 lbs 14 ounces.

But along with happy news of births sad news of death comes also. William D. Gelsleichter, 72, of Tyringham, husband of Marian Carton Gelsleichter, died February 8th in the Pittsfield General Unit of the Berkshire Medical Center, after a long illness. He graduated in 1928 from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. and worked for the Bendix Aviation Corporation as a technical writer, retiring in 1967. He and his wife lived as Summer resident in Tyringham from 1936 to 1950 when they became year-round residents.

During his retirement, Mr. Gelsleichter devoted his time to playwriting. Several of his plays were produced at North Adams State College and the University of Connecticut. He belonged to the Berkshire Theatre Festival Workshop in Stockbridge and the Eugene O'Neill Foundation of Waterford, Connecticut.

Besides his wife, he leaves four brothers, Private funeral services were held at the Kelly Funeral Home in Lee with burial after cremation in the Pittsfield Ceretery.

Miss Dawn Cernik, Public Relations representative of our Youth Fellowship reports that this very live organization has as a foster child, a little Navajo Indian girl, aged 13. At the age of 7 she spoke no english. She goes to a "boarding" school and has 1 brother and 3 sisters. They do weaving in their home, a small house. She was instructed in tribal customs. Her parents are very anxious for their children to have and education.

The Youth Fellowship had previously sponsored a young boy from the South for two years but they felt they would like to do something for an Indian child, hence the change. (See picture on page 3)

The Youth Fellowship plan an Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 21st for Tyringham youngsters as usual and they are also planning to hold an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on the next day.

Myrtle, the Turtle, along with everyone --- or nearly everyone else, came down with the flu. Hearing about acupuncture, Myrtle decided she would go to a Chinese doctor for a cure. She found a Doctor Wun Lung Gon, but to give poor Myrtle the needles in the proper places, he had to use a pneumatic drill to make holes for the needles. But the drill shook Myrtle all up. Her flu was cured but alas! the drilling of holes through her shell caused her to suffer from shell-shock for two weeks.

We would mention here the very splendid job done on our roads by removal of both ice and snow by "Hoppy" Loring and Bruce Logan. That reminds me of an item I found among some notes made by our late good friend and historian, Mrs. Eloise Myers. She found that in 1837 in March of that year, Tyringham voted to pay a man 10 cents per hour 12cents per day for the use of a plough, scraper or cart used on the roads. How times have changed! Bet they didn't do as good a job as Hoppy and Bruce anyway.

Christmas Carolers
Front: Randy Cernik, Molly Curtin, Jennifer Greenfield, Katie Curtin, Parker Fennelly, Gerald Curtin.
Middle:- Robin Clark, Kerry Clark, Denise Curtin, Brenda VanOrman
Back-Amy Fennelly, Barbara VanOrman Dawn Cernik

Six little Cooks ready to prepare Christmas Dinner at Mrs. Welch's Tyringham School Christmas Party at the Town Hall.

Bobby and Kerry Clark, prominent members of the Tyr-Lee Rough Riders keep in practice all through the Winter.

A "rubbing" of John Tyringham made in England last Summer by Dr.& Mrs. John Pappenheimer with paper and crayon

Virginia White, the 13 yr old Indian girl "adopted by our Youth Fellowship. She is of the Navajo tribe.

Author Brian Urquhart and family, of Tyringham and elsewhere. He is the husband of the former Sidney Howard, [redacted]. Mr. Urquhart, Asst. Secretary General at the United Nations, has recently written an excellent biography of a former Secretary-General of the United Nations, who was killed in a plane accident while on an official mission in Africa.

Tyringham students still continue to win honors at Lee High School. On the first marking period of the current school year, Junior Dawn Cernik was on the Honor List and Sophomore Brenda VanOrman was enrolled on the High Honor Roll. Susan Slater attained Honorable Mention.

Mrs. John Curtin has received a 20 year pin from the Red Cross in recognition of her 22 years of volunteer service.

Our congratulations to Mrs. John (Harriet) Heath for attaining the wonderful age of 92.

At the Annual Meeting of the Union Church in Tyringham, I resigned from the Pastorate of our Church. I did so regretfully, I assure you, but wisely for I feel that this wonderful little Church should have a much younger Minister. Ministers, you know, wear out like old tires, which, worn too long, blow out. While I don't feel anywhere near "blowing out" I nevertheless feel that a younger Minister, more in keeping with the times is the need of the Church today. I just want you all to know that I am glad God directed my steps to Tyringham and this Church twenty-one years ago June 1st. My annual vacation starts on June 1st, at the end of which I officially cease to be your Minister.

A Pastoral Committee consisting of Kenneth Jones, Mrs. Rustin McIntosh, Mrs. Miles Reber, Arnold Hale, Fred Judd and Susan Slater are recommending a replacement. One will occupy the pulpit on March 25th, the other on April 1st. I will then return and preach until the last Sunday in May.

I will write, with Myrtle, the Turtle's help, one more TYRINGHAM TOPICS, in late May, when we both will bid you farewell

Yours for Tyringham, FLC

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JUNE 1973
Summer Letter

Dear Folks:-

Our Easter was an inspiring one as it always is, seeing a well-filled Church, an event which occurs all too seldom. But there were other events that made it so good. Our splendid Youth Fellowship held a Sunrise Service at 6.00 am on the hillside behind the Church. Afterwards coffee and doughnuts were served. At our 11.00 am Easter Service our young Choir was magnificent and the Holloway Memorial Tower sent Easter Music out over Tyringham Valley.

I do not know what we could have done without our splendid young folks. In addition to being our Choir, they are our Sunday School teachers. They have adopted a foster Indian Child. They are always doing Christian deeds.

In the next two pages you will see a photomontage of pictures, taken at random from a collection.

Above is the Tyringham School Class of 1973:-Samuel Slater Terry Curtin Jr. Gerry Curtin, Amy Fennelly & in background, Mrs. Emily Welch, for 19 yrs the teacher here, a very fine dedicated teacher, now retiring. Below you will see other graduates of ours:-

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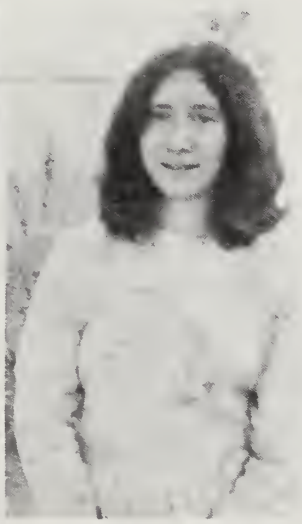
B.C.C.

Paul Adams
Lee H.S.



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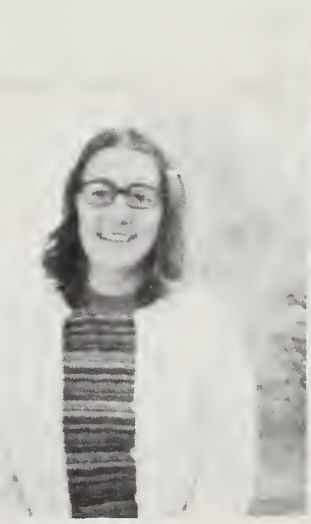

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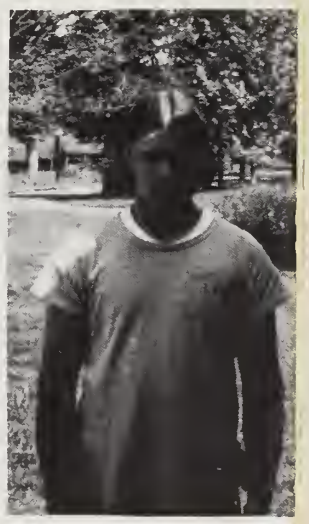

David Curtin
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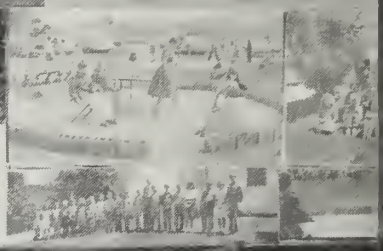
"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT AND NEVER BROUGHT TO MIND



WE'LL TAKE A CUP O' KINDNESS YET FOR THE DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE"

ARNOLD + WILLIS HALL

We now bring to an end our connection with TYRINGHAM TOPICS and we do so with a touch of sadness.

The first issue came out in October 1955. In it we said "This is the first issue of a NEWS LETTER to be published by the Union Church in Tyringham. Its object is to bring Tyringham residents, year 'round and Summer, closer together particularly during the winter months when we are separated.....It is not strictly a Church paper for its pages will be open to all Tyringham organizations as well. It will go to all our boys in the Armed Forces and to Tyringham friends everywhere."

We've tried to live up to those early plans and I guess we have. At first we ran off the copies on a dilapidated old mimeograph machine about two or three times a year, then in 1957 we received a new mimeograph thanks to the generosities of a number of townsfolk. Miss Agnes Curtin started cutting our stencils for us on an electric typewriter and a great improvement resulted. We also started publishing quarterly.

Then with the June 1964 issue we started to add pictures to our pages. In December of that year, we started our annual Christmas Greeting lists of names which each year up to last December, have increased in number of names listed. Some have paid $1.00 per family and others have contributed much more. Consequently we were able in March of 1968 to have the complete issue printed by the offset process. Thanks to the Eagle Printing and Binding Co of Pittsfield with Mr. Gollan Root and Mr. Frank Root, we have been turning out a good little publication four times a year ever since. Sometimes we have run 8 pages, or six, but usually four.

It was in June of 1958 that Myrtle, the Turtle, crawled up out of Hop Brook, right by the bridge and joined the staff.

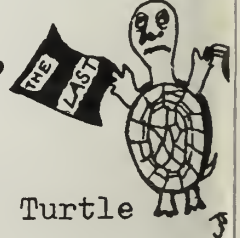
Well, dear people, it's been a lot of fun and a lot of work, too, getting out TYRINGHAM TOPICS. We have had various members on our staff and some have passed on. The present staff, who have been operating for several years are Jennifer Bishop and Susan Slater, Art Editors, Dawn Cernik and Brenda Van Orman, photograpic editors, and mailing is done by Mrs Irma Clark. Miss Caroline Canon circulates about and gathers names for our Christmas page. Mrs. Couch helps alphabeticize all these names and I write the copy, typing on my portable withthe middle finger of my right hand. And last but not least, thanks to Mary Curtin & the PO.

My leaving as Minister of Union Church is not the only immediate staff member departing. We have already lost Jennifer Bishop away at school. We lose Susan Slater to college this Falland Dawn Cernik, next year. (Dawn by the way, has been the longest with "TOPICS" as she used to grind it out on the mimeograph, collate it, and staple the pages in the days before printing.)

It is my hope that possibly someone else or a group will revive TYRINGHAM TOPICS and carry it on. But that is up to the Church Committee

So, good friends, CHEERIO! It's been great keeping in touch with you all these years. God bless you all.

Yours for Tyringham,



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P.S. Me, too.

Myrtle, the Turtle